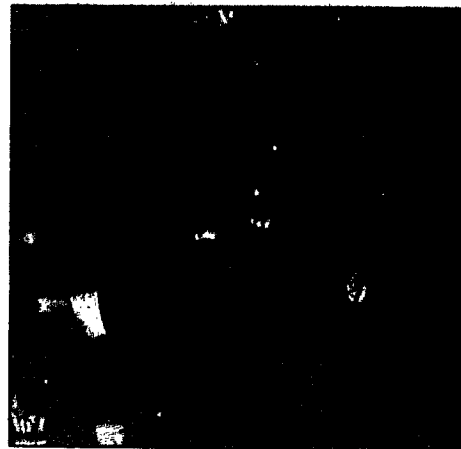




Arrest was no walk in the park

Sheriff's K-9 unit sniffs out drug suspect while on a bathroom break.

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The annual event gets bigger and better each year – this time, it was standing room only.

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Bayou Talla Fellowship free Thanksgiving

Bayou Talla Fellowship, 18555 Hwy. 43 West in Kiln, is hosting a "Be Our Guest" luncheon on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 28, 11:30 to 1 p.m. As a way of serving the community, local residents, friends and family are invited to have a hot Thanksgiving meal served by members of Bayou Talla Fellowship. For information or to request a ride, call 255-1118.

Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Services

The Hancock County Ministerial Association will sponsor Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Services this Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 100 Main St., Bay St. Louis.

Free Thanksgiving

Free Thanksgiving dinner to everyone Thursday, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at American Legion off Hwy. 90 & Green Meadows.

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Food for Thought



Otis Gates Sr. stocks the pantry at Christian Concern Food Bank with canned goods collected by St. Paul's Catholic Elementary School.

Area food pantries busy for the holidays

BY SHANNON JENKINS
Staff Writer

With the arrival of the holiday season usually comes the spirit of giving. As Thanksgiving nears, many people sift through their cupboards for canned goods to donate to the local food pantry or simply donate their time or money. For some people and organizations, helping those less fortunate is a year-round affair, especially at the Hancock County Food Pantry in Bay St. Louis and the Christian Concern Food Bank in Pass Christian.

Although the Hancock County Food Pantry at 508 Ulman Avenue serves its clients Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon throughout the year, the



Peg Walton and Doug Skinner stock paper bags with groceries at the Hancock County Food Pantry.

holiday season tends to be a busier one for the volunteers.

"We see more and more people around this time of year," said Juanita Thorson, acting director. "We have more people who donate and more clients who need food."

Thorson said the holiday traffic begins around mid-November.

"We've seen over 700 people so far in November," she said.

Fortunately, local schools, businesses and organizations host food drives during the season, which helps offset the increase in clients.

This volunteer organization, which opened in May 1986, has approximately 60 volunteers with four to five working each day.

Thorson said the volunteers spend the holidays just like regular days —

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Former truant officer jailed for child porn

Perniciaro out on \$25K bond

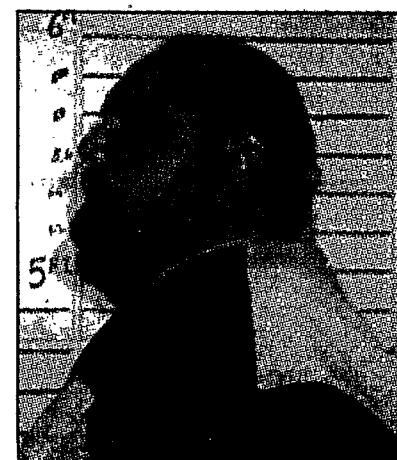
ECHO STAFF REPORT

Former Bay-Waveland Municipal and Hancock County School Districts attendance officer Frank J. Perniciaro, 43, 229 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland, was arrested Thursday afternoon on a grand jury pornography indictment served by the Hancock County Sheriff's Department, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Garber said, "The case involving Perniciaro was handled by state investigations. Bond was set at \$25,000 which he posted following his arrest on an indictment issued by a Hancock County Grand Jury in October, 2002."

In published reports earlier, Perniciaro resigned his position as attendance officer for the two school districts in July, 2001.

This was after the revela-



Frank Perniciaro

tion that he was being investigated for allegedly having pornographic materials in his office which was located at Gulfview Elementary School in Lakeshore.

Perniciaro was appointed to the attendance officer's position in 1998 by the state education department

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Victim's friend helps make train crossing safer

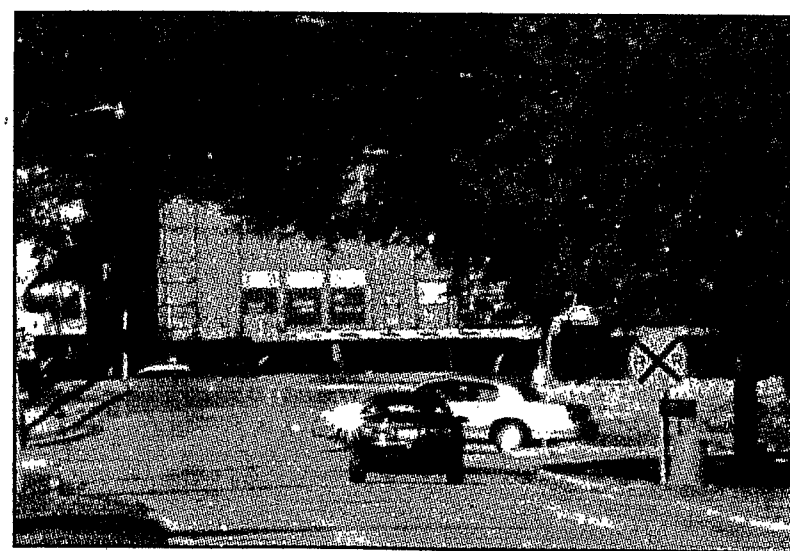
BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Rail crossings in Waveland have become a little safer recently. Caution lights have been added at all three intersections where Waveland Ave., Coleman Ave. and Nicholson Ave. cross the tracks and at Coleman Ave. crossing arms have been

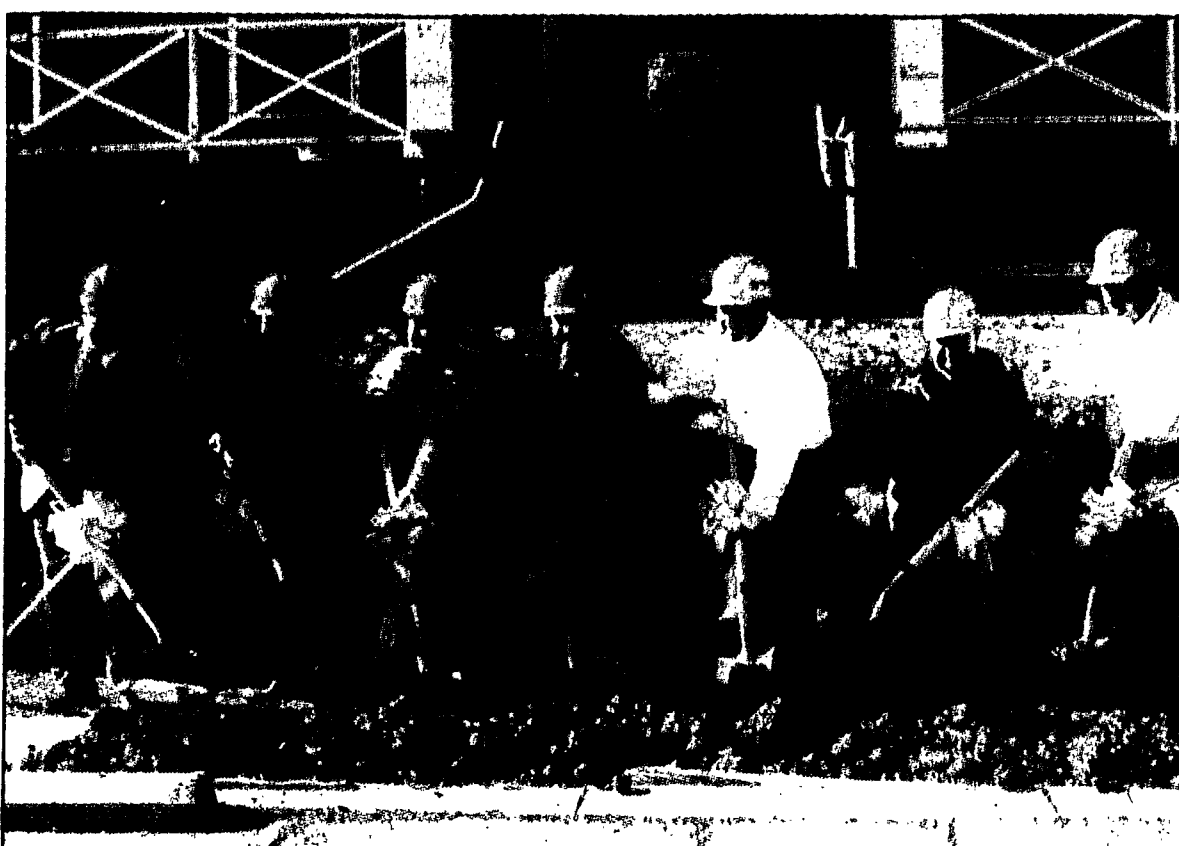
added.

The push to add crossing arms to the Coleman Ave. crossing began in 1997 when a car driven by 73-year-old Dorothy Elkins was struck by a train, resulting in her death. Elkin's friend, Barbara Bowen started a petition among area residents to request the safety

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The Coleman Ave. train crossing in Waveland, the scene of a 1997 fatal accident, has been made safer with the addition of a crossing arm.



Echo Staff Photo By Bennie Shallbetter
Renovations to make the Waveland City Hall ADA compliant should get underway just after the first of the year. A groundbreaking was held at city hall on Friday. Pictures are Joel Baxter of Hancock Bank, Hancock Chamber of Commerce Director Tish Williams, City Clerk Lisa Planchard, Mayor Tommy Longo, Architect Ed Wikoff, the contractor for the project Ken Ladner of KEL Construction, and Police Chief Jimmy Varnell.

Waveland City Hall renovations finally ready to get under way

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

After a long wait, the Waveland City Hall will finally get renovations to bring it up to ADA standards, making the entire building handicapped-accessible. Renovations will cost about \$212,000 and be paid for by a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

The process to renovate the building started about ten years ago when a lawsuit was filed by a resident who was unable to attend city meetings, which at the time were held upstairs at city hall.

"The renovations are an

important step," said Mayor Tommy Longo. "Besides the fact that they are ordered by the justice department, they will make city hall accessible to the elderly, the handicapped, and to people like me, who have a knee injury and find it difficult to climb stairs."

To make the upstairs portion of the building more accessible, an elevator will be added which will open into the foyer at the front entrance, said architect Ed Wikoff. Most of the doors upstairs are wide enough to accommodate wheelchairs, he said. An additional rest room will be added upstairs and both rest rooms will be handicapped accessible.

The downstairs of the building will require more extensive work, said Wikoff, probably making it necessary for offices to move out during construction. New entry ways rest room facilities, and counters will be built, he said.

The outside of the building will be repainted, Wikoff said, along with a few other minor repairs. Wikoff said construction has been held up due to the fact that the first time the project went out for bid, all the bids came in over budget.

"We had to scale back the project and try again," he said. "This time we were able to stay within the budget."

Hancock deputy's K-9 unit takes a 'pot-ty' break

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A Baton Rouge resident was lodged in the Hancock County Criminal Justice Facility after being nabbed by K-9 Officer Dax, who was taking a bathroom break early Thursday morning, according to Sheriff Steve Garber.

Lt. Jimmy Esposito, the handler of the sheriff's department's drug dog said, "It was about 2 a.m. and time for Dax to take a break. We stopped at a Highway 603-Interstate 10 business and I left Dax out of the patrol car."

"He headed to his favorite bush, then suddenly turned to a red Honda and gave a positive alert there were drugs in the vehicle. I called for assistance from Deputy Danny Gikerson, who was also at the business gassing his vehicle," Esposito said.

"We talked to the store's clerk who told us it was a white male who had arrived in the vehicle. During the process of seeking the vehicle's owner, Dax indicated

someone was behind an eight foot high wooden fenced enclosed area. I gave a K-9 warning for the person to come out and received no response."

"Dax went over the fence and a suspect was apprehended in a water-filled ditch, up to his chest in water. We had probable cause to search the vehicle and discovered 4.25 ounces of Canadian Bud - known on the street as CB concealed in a hidden compartment of the vehicle," Esposito said.

Judson Kale Milun, 20, of Baton Rouge, was arrested and charged with intent to distribute drugs and falsifying information to police, and bond was set at \$15,000, Esposito said.

Narcotics Division Agent Abe Long, who is handling the case said, the drug is called Canadian Bud because it is primarily grown by hydroponics in Canada.

The vehicle plus \$680 cash is pending seizure by the Narcotics Division, Long reported.

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Arrest Record

Editor's note: The following is a complete list of arrests logged at the Hancock county Justice Facility. Appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

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NOV. 15 TO NOV. 21

- Patricia Bourgeois, 37, DUI (3rd), suspended driver's license, failure to yield
- Melissa Williams, 27, felony telephone harassment (warrant)
- Kenneth B. Demoran, 45, simple assault (domestic)
- Trey V. Randall, 23, contempt of court (warrant)
- Jennifer L. Gray, 24, simple assault, disturbance of a business
- Ryan C. Calhoun, 21, public drunk, disturbance of a business, simple assault
- Nolan E. Gray, 22, disturbance of a business, simple assault, public drunk
- Mary Ann Jones, 40, simple assault (domestic)
- Janet C. Abt, 40, simple assault (domestic)
- Mona L. Luffy, 45, DUI (1st), careless driving, failure to dim lights, no proof of insurance
- Dawnita F. Ransom, 31, DUI, refused test
- Lorraine T. Eden, 54, public drunk
- Billy Wayne Lampton, 35, possession of paraphernalia (pipe crack)
- Nicholas Guidroz, 32, domestic violence
- Elizabeth Martin, 46, false identity information
- Tom Page, 69, driving on suspended driver's license
- Crystal Carson, 23, disturbance of a family
- Donald M. Wilson, 51, DUI (1st), careless driving
- Kori Cuevas, 23, possession of controlled substance
- Danny G. Bond, 38, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant), disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, disturbance of a family, simple assault on police officer
- Curt Paul Picou Jr., 23, DUI (2nd), driving while suspended
- Kelly Baker, 34, contempt of court (failure to pay) (warrant)
- Glen Baker, 42, contempt of court (failure to pay) (warrant)
- Gene J. Williams, 40, driving with suspended driver's license
- Ralph Williams Jr., 20, felony phone harassment
- Donna M. Collins, 43, contempt of court (failure to pay)
- Aickman Rene Gaston, 47, resisting arrest, disobey lawful order
- Martin J. Rodek, 50, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)
- Keith Smith, 23, simple assault, trespassing (warrant)
- Byron Cuevas, 22, contempt of court (warrant), possession of precursor
- Justin L. Randall, 45, DUI (2nd)
- Carrie Cox, 26, statutory rape (warrant)
- Jefferson Reynolds, 37, public drunk, disorderly conduct
- Adam Joseph Cobb, 22, DUI (2nd)
- Paul Viel Sonnier, 43, simple assault (domestic)
- Loretta Fay Combs, 32, DUI, careless driving, no

seat belt

- Lennie Givens, 50, simple assault
- Ruben Walker, 26, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)
- Donna Nicole Vaughn, 23, sale of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance
- Horace Garcia, 32, telephone harassment (warrant)
- Chris Bermond, 37, simple assault by threat (warrant)
- Michael Dupuy, 42, DUI (1st)
- Janice McNeese, 20, contempt of court (failure to comply)
- David R. Burgess, 38, simple assault (domestic) (warrant)
- Michael A. Bye, 40, public drunk, disturbance of the peace
- Stanley B. Hoyt Jr., 18, malicious mischief, disorderly conduct
- Robert E. Fields Jr., 32, contempt of court (failure to comply) (warrant)
- Judson Milum, 21, possession of marijuana with intent to distribute
- Andrew J. Manieri, 21, suspended driver's license, DUI (1st), no proof of insurance
- Frank Perniciaro, 43, possession of child pornography (indictment)

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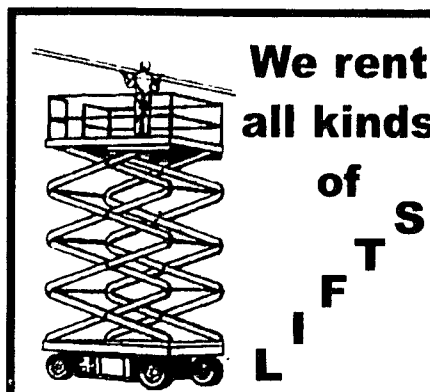
FROM OCT. 31 TO NOV. 7

- James W. Crotty, 65, simple assault (domestic)
- Larry House, 30, DUI (2nd), disorderly conduct, suspended driver's license, simple assault on a police officer
- Dawn J. Lewis, 24, shoplifting
- Christopher Denkler, 27, contempt of court (warrant)
- Alan-Ray Holbrook, 42, public drunk
- Justin L. Ladner, 18, public drunk
- Michael Mefferd, 40, DUI, careless driving
- Robert Strong, 47, contempt of court
- Rosemary V. Elliot, 44, two counts bad checks, parole violation (warrant)
- Jerry Willis, 27, grand larceny (warrant)
- Orlin Craft, 35, disturbance of public peace/business
- Jefferson C. Reynolds, 37, two counts contempt of court (warrant)
- Patricia L. Lahaye, 51, simple assault (warrant)
- Billy Ray Rush III, 19, driving with suspended driver's license
- Delbert L. Harris, 37, speeding, expired tag, disorderly conduct, failure to comply, resisting arrest
- Marvin Solorzano, 24, DUI, no driver's license
- Trellis A. Jones, 19, shoplifting
- Ryan L. Moll, 25, hold for St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office
- Aaron Scherer, 20, simple possession while operating a vehicle, improper equipment
- Kenneth Hoda, 34, possession of precursor with intent to manufacture
- Catherine Hoda, 39, possession of precursor with intent to manufacture

- Lee A. Humes, 20, embezzlement, simple possession, possession of controlled substance, contributing to delinquency of minor, open container in vehicle
- James A. Thompson, 23, DUI (1st)
- Francis Waguespack, 62, disorderly conduct
- Nicholas Melancer, 22, possession of controlled substance
- Joshua Lizana, 26, possession of controlled substance
- Rodney Dedeaux, 32, possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, contempt of court (failure to pay)
- Men V. Huynh, 34, contempt of court (failure to pay) (warrant)
- Eugene Paul Bernard, 41, contempt of court (failure to appear) (warrant)
- Tressa M. Billings, 27, disturbance of family
- Jamie A. Adams, 32, disturbance of family
- Robert Ouastrom, 25, suspended driver's license, no insurance
- Kenny Wise, 26, noise violation, no driver's license
- Alvin F. Kline, 40, failure to yield to blue lights, DUI (2nd), disorderly conduct, careless driving
- Gerdis G. Seals, 34, arson (4th degree)
- John D. Lee, 39, contempt of court, simple assault (domestic)
- Kathryn Roby, 41, shoplifting, contempt of court (warrant)
- Ricky G. Mauffrey, 36, contempt of court (failure to appear), petit larceny (warrant)
- Tommy Lee Guyton, 29, simple assault (domestic) (warrant)
- Edward F. Phillips, 37, DUI (1st), refused test, suspended driver's license, careless driving, no insurance
- David P. Adams, 43, contempt of court (warrant), DUI, suspended driver's license
- Reginald Laneaux, 44, possession of controlled substance, unlawful possession of firearm
- Lee Andrew Humes, 20, receiving stolen property
- Joel Ricks Jr., 21, public drunk
- Charlie Grimsley, 25, public drunk, contempt of court (warrant)
- Donald M. Sando, 41, public drunk
- Donna S. Swint, 51, public drunk, disorderly conduct
- Rosemary Gillum, 49, no driver's license, no seat belt, no proof of insurance, DUI (1st), contempt of court (warrant)
- Jonathan Ladner, 21, contempt of court (warrant)
- Abdul Farid Ramzi, 33, hold for felony warrant Greensboro, N.C., Sheriff's

Office; simple assault (domestic)

- John L. Napolitano, 23, expired tag, seat belt violation, DUI (1st)
- Lamont D. Whitfield, 22, possession of meth, hold for Pearl River Sheriff's Office



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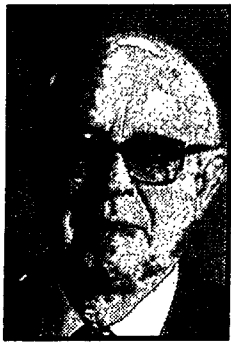
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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

One vote really can make a difference

I am wondering how many qualified electors from Waveland's Ward 4 are kicking themselves for not voting in Tuesday's run-off election.

The results of the voting in Waveland's Ward 4 places more emphasis on the importance of all qualified electors to vote in all elections.

The theory by some that their vote does not count sure 'goes out the window,' as the two candidates came up with the same total, 163 votes each, after the affidavit votes were included on Wednesday for Tuesday's run-off.

Just one more vote for either candidate would have declared a winner, and a coin toss would not have been necessary to sever the tie. The ballots apparently have been checked several times, and there may be other checks, but no matter the findings, it was a close race.

I can recall some years back when a Waveland Aldermen's race had three candidates, and a third received only nine votes and a run-off was necessary.

In the run-off election the winner was decided with a one-vote margin.

There still appeared to have been some confusion by some electors as to just what ward they were now in following the recent redistricting following the 2000 Census.

It is, I feel, very important for voters to know which district they reside in and where they vote before election day.

Our county election next year will have some confusion as well from redistrict-

ing and the addition of a third Justice Court Judge.

So, those residing in the county need to know their district for the August 2003 primaries.

And in five days we will be celebrating Thanksgiving. This year just seems to have flown by.

Many of our residents will be celebrating the big holiday with friends and relatives, which means they will be traveling out of town.

On the other hand, there will be friends and relatives of some traveling to our area for Thanksgiving.

Hopefully everyone will have a safe holiday.

Once again, on the local scene, there will be a free Thanksgiving dinner at the Clement R. Bontemps American Legion Post 139, Green Meadow Road, Bay St. Louis.

It will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., or until the food supply is gone.

The free Thanksgiving dinner has been a tradition for many years in the Bay given by the Scarbrough family who at one time operated a local restaurant.

It is a family affair, just giving back something to the community, which I feel is very great.

The Bay American Legion provides a place for the dinner, and volunteers help the Scarbrough family, as well as several local merchants.

Thinking about our fellowman is something many folks seem to forget, and for sure the Scarbrough family needs to be commended for their continued generosity at Thanksgiving.

America has a 'Lott' to be thankful for

Americans do indeed have much more to be thankful for this Holiday Season.

More than a year after the deadly terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, America still stands tall, and we remain blessed among nations, dedicated to protecting freedom. At Thanksgiving, Americans should be thankful to the men and women in our military, in law enforcement, in government and in the citizenry who are protecting America, and making our

nation a better place.

Though we must remain vigilant, so far we have managed to avoid any additional 9/11-style attacks on our soil, and I believe some credit and thanking is due to the rank and file in America's security apparatus, from the soldiers on the front line, to our neighbors on the next property line.

Our military personnel fighting the War on Terror have met with great success, driving terrorists from Afghanistan and overthrowing the

oppressive Taliban regime with swift action that defied historic precedent, and the predictions of many so-called "experts."

Today, America is safer thanks to our military's performance, and millions of Afghans have before them an open door to freedom. Afghanistan is no longer a training ground for terrorists, and terrorist masterminds are running for their lives.

Likewise, we should thank the thousands of men and women working at the CIA, FBI, in local law enforcement and on down the line whose professionalism has prevented new attacks, and helped apprehend terrorists before they

could carry out missions of death.

Terrorist cells, like the one in up-state New York, are being found, broken up and their members are facing American justice. Even home-grown terrorists like the Washington, D.C. sniper suspects are finding it hard to elude a nation on alert.

I am thankful that more and more people in the federal government are taking America's security more seriously today, and that we have a President committed to protecting our country.

Security is the first and foremost duty of our Congress and President. We should be thankful that

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Mississippi must be able to compete in the global market

Mississippi's economic history is based primarily in agriculture. Cotton, rice, soybeans and other agricultural products have driven our jobs and our marketplaces for nearly two hundred years.

The agricultural focus covers the state, from the Delta, where the rich soil and waters of the Mississippi River and its tributaries have fed and nurtured crops for generations, to the Gulf Coast with its marine resources, to the timber farming of the Pine Belt. The economy of the 21st century, however, is broadening this focus.

If we are to compete in the global marketplace, the sources for feeding and nurturing our competitiveness must change. The soil and water for this marketplace are found in the forms of research and development.

It's no secret that the best minds in research and

development have been leaving Mississippi. Our universities and junior and community colleges are losing researchers and professors to better salaries in other states, and the end result is a slowing of our own technological growth.

It's time to reverse the flow.

We've demonstrated our commitment to the blending of education and technology through programs like the

"Computers in the Classroom" initiative, which will place an Internet-accessible computer in every public school classroom in the state by the end of this year.

That commitment must be strengthened, and the budget recommendation I have presented for the 2004 fiscal year does it through the Mississippi Brain Trust.

The premise is simple: Commit \$20 million a year over 10 years to recruit and retain the very best minds

Letters to the Editor

Our letters policy

The Sea Coast Echo welcomes comments from its readers. Letters must be signed and include address or telephone number. Letters should be brief, preferably typewritten and double-spaced. Only one letter per writer per month. The editor reserves the right to edit or reject letters. Letters of thanks, expressions of appreciation and political endorsements are inappropriate.

in Mississippi. These funds would be provided through a competitive grant process, and matched dollar for dollar by the institutions to help ensure accountability.

The result is obvious: The role of universities and community and junior colleges in driving our economy will be unparalleled in our history.

The number of endowed chairs and professorships at our institutions of higher learning will grow.

Our investment in graduate assistantships will support the growth of our own emerging scholars.

We will increase our research capacity and provide more and better opportunities to move technology from the laboratory to the marketplace.

Universities will drive the research process better and faster than ever before.

Community and junior colleges will take on a

greater and more important role in workforce development and preparation.

Our schools will become centers of excellence.

Over the years, we've invested hundreds of millions of dollars in buildings at our schools. It's time to invest in the people.

Jean Piaget, a renowned 20th century Swiss psychologist, said it well: "The principle goal of education is to create people who are capable of doing new things, not simply of repeating what other generations have done - people who are creative, inventive and discoverers."

That's the goal of the Mississippi Brain Trust.

Mississippi's competing in the global marketplace and the rest of the world is taking notice. Like a farmer uses soil and water to nourish his crops, we must use research and development to nurture our own growth as a state.

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Lott -- thankful

President Bush has managed to compile a broad coalition of global support for confronting the threat posed by Iraq.

Today, weapons inspectors are moving back into that country after a four-year absence, avoiding military conflict thus far. If Saddam Hussein does not cooperate, I have faith that President Bush will act to disarm this dangerous dictator, making the world a far safer place.

I am thankful that the Senate has been able to resolve partisan differences, and that it has acted to create a Department of Homeland Security, which

will specifically be for the protection of our domestic territory and infrastructure.

This is the largest government reorganization since the late 1940s. The department will be composed of various pieces of existing agencies - all functions dealing with domestic security - all under one organizational structure. It will be more efficient, effective and it will provide Americans with an increased level of safety.

I am also thankful that the American people seem more appreciative of our freedom and the blessings we have in our country.

I see more flags flying,

more people singing our national anthem, and more heads bowed in prayer. A new generation of Americans is taking up the call to protect our homes, families, communities and our way of life, in any way they can.

More people are volunteering, taking interest in the civic affairs and in other people.

Our state of Mississippi, for instance, has been cited once again as one of the leading states in charitable donations per capita.

This is a tremendous testament to character of Mississippians, and without a doubt many people will be

thankful for Mississippi's great generosity this holiday season.

America is better off than we were last Thanksgiving. Even though there are significant challenges before us, we have come a long way in making our nation more secure, and making ourselves better citizens.

From military personnel, to law enforcement professionals to just plain citizens next door, we have accomplished a lot together since our world changed on September 11, 2001, and it is indeed appropriate that we thank God, and that we are thankful to each other.

This Thanksgiving, I

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hope all of you will say a prayer for our President and indeed all federal, state and local leaders who, while far from perfect, lead a nation that is much better than anything the world has known before, and much greater than those who threaten it.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)

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Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Changes to the Ordinance to Establish Regulations for the Taking of Crabs

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) will hold a public hearing Monday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of the Bolton State Office Building at 1141 Bayview Ave., Biloxi.

Public comments will be received on the proposed changes to Ordinance 4.008 (I), an ordinance to establish regulations for the taking of crabs.

The proposed changes

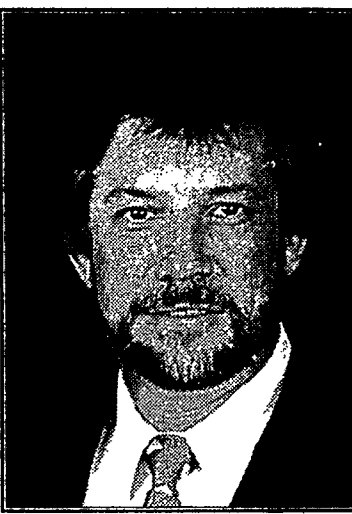
include setting protocol for a closed season for crabbing to remove derelict traps (state statute law), requiring that crab traps be permanently marked with a stainless steel, aluminum or plastic tag, a non-floating or weighted float line requirement and other changes needed to be consistent with state statute law.

Written comments on the proposed change will be received at the Department of Marine Resources, Attention: Shrimp and Crab Bureau 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 101, Biloxi, MS 39530 until December 5, 2002 at 5 p.m.

A copy of these proposed

changes may be obtained by contacting the DMR Shrimp and Crab Bureau at (228) 374-5000.

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"Focus on Fall;" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

Frederick and Hattie and *the Fox* are books to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making the ornaments for the Story Hour Tree in the library's Holiday Tree Gala.

Due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday, there will be no story hour at the Kiln Public Library. Story hour will resume on Thursday, Dec. 5 at 10:30 a.m.

Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

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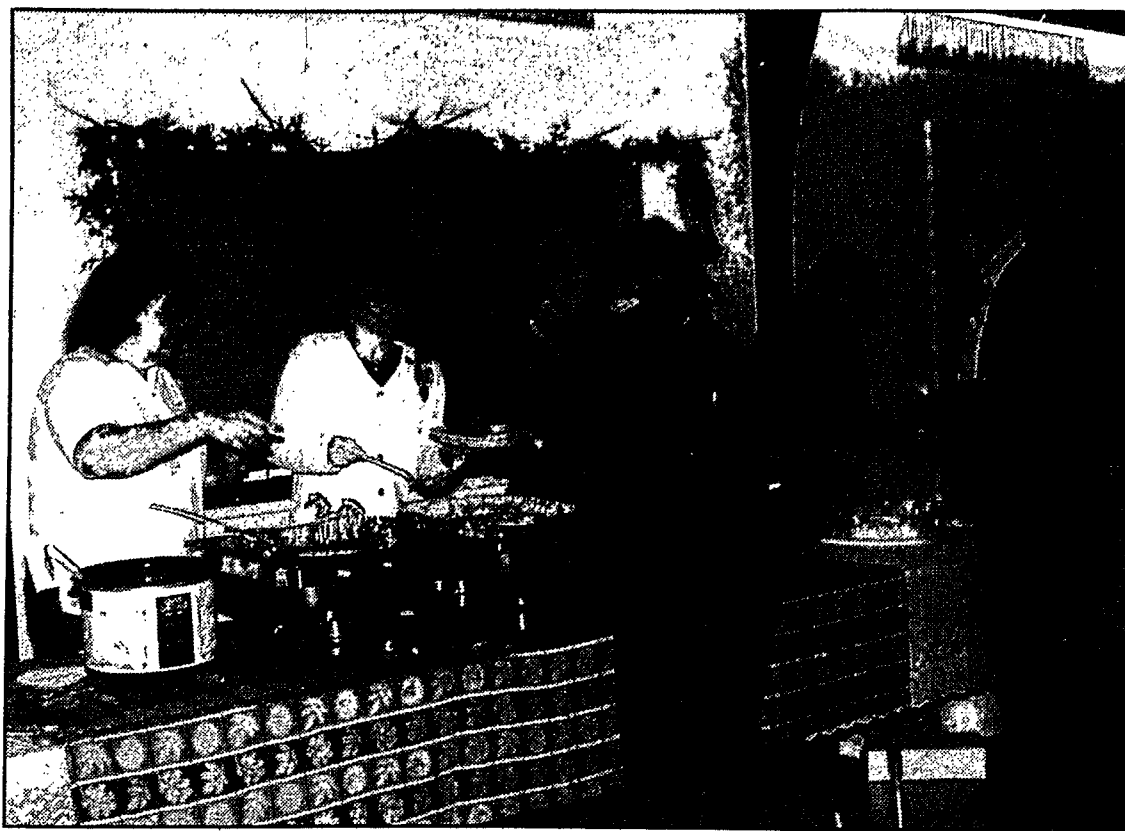


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Ornament packets still at Kiln Library

Ornament packets for the children's tree at the Kiln Public Library are still available for families to put together and bring back to the library.

The packets contain all the necessary supplies to make the ornament. Ornaments include Santa Claus, snowmen, peace

angels, and reindeer.

The library's children's tree is part of the third annual Community Tree Lighting, set for Monday, Dec. 9, at 6 p.m. at the library.

Hosted by the Hancock County Library System Board of Trustees, the Library Foundation of

Hancock County and the Kiln Library Advisory Board, the tree lighting has become the kick-off event for the holiday season in north Hancock County.

Further information on the Kiln Public Library's Community Tree Lighting is available by calling Sandra Ladner at 255-1724.

St. Rose de Lima concert

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St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir will celebrate the Season of Giving by giving a community concert Tuesday, Nov. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church, 301 South Necaise, Bay St. Louis.

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Al Acker, the 25-plus-member choir has performed at Jazz Fest and at many festivals.

They sang for Toast on the Coast, and in the last month performed at the House of Blues twice and both times to sold out per-

formances.

They also did a concert for Dustin Hoffman and the production crew of "The Runaway Jury," John Grisham's book, now being filmed in New Orleans. In June they opened for Ray Charles.

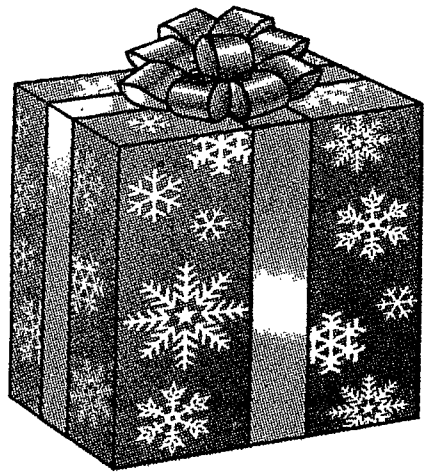


The Coastal Family Health Center and the Hancock County Task Force to Save Our Children co-sponsored a community health awareness event on Friday. The health center offered blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings and the task force served refreshments. Coastal has clinics across the gulf coast and uses their mobile unit to promote health among residents who may be without transportation or means to come to a clinic. Pictured are Sheriff Steve Garber, Martha Milner RSM, Coastal Project Director Cathy Dumas, Clinic Administrator Lee Gentry, Bill Johnson, Donna Holton, and front, Geraldine Lang.

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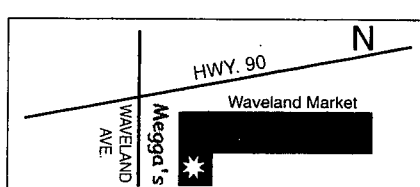


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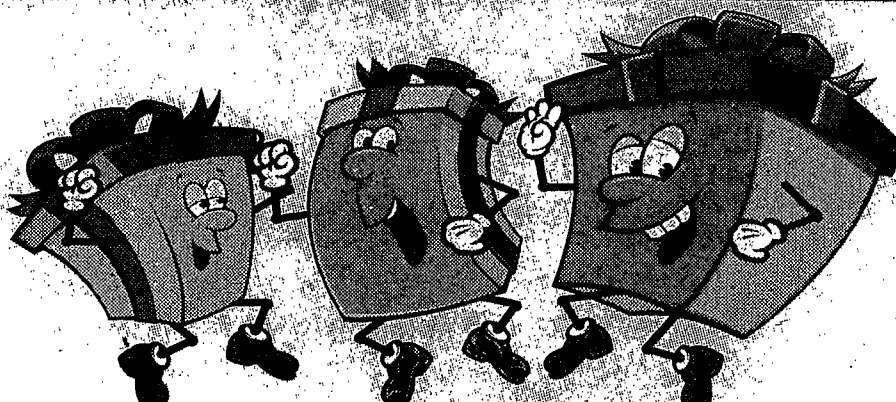
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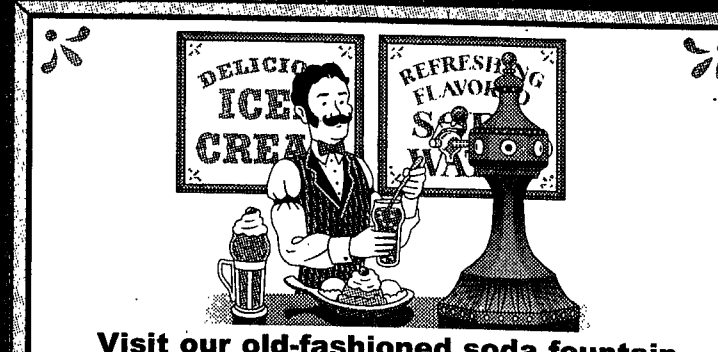
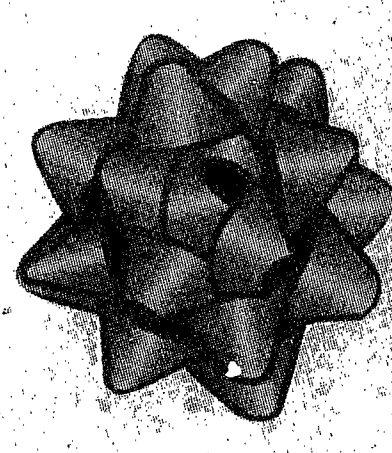
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Waveland aldermen bid farewell; Southern Regional still rankles

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

The final regularly-scheduled meeting of the current Waveland Board of Aldermen was bittersweet Wednesday, beginning with more controversy over the embattled Southern Regional Wastewater Management district contract; and ending with board members praising each other for their work together over the past four years.

Early in the meeting Wednesday, board members again voiced their concerns about the Southern Regional contract, which they voted to sign Oct. 16 after receiving assurances from Gulf of Mexico program director Bryon Griffith that they were the last entity to come aboard and would "queer the deal" and lose grant money for the Kiln and Pearlinton communities if they didn't sign. At the time, only Ward 1 Alderman Milton Bernard voted not to sign the contract. Aldermen Louie Smolensky, Ricky Geoffrey and Charles Piazza voiced reservations, but approved the contract, based on Griffith's information.

Since that vote, however, it became public that the Bay St. Louis City Council had not yet accepted the contract at that point, and board members blasted both Griffith and Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo at a meeting earlier this month.

On Wednesday, the board tried to see if it could get out of the contract.

The answer, county attorney Ronnie Artigues told aldermen at the meeting, is "no."

"I think when Southern Regional accepted it on their minutes ...," Artigues

said, "then it became official."

He said that at that point, Waveland had officially entered a contractual obligation between two entities and could not back out.

Artigues, once the attorney for the Waveland Board of Aldermen, explained briefly how the contract works and what it will mean for the city.

Both board members and members of the audience praised Artigues for his counsel.

One man said he had "told us more in ten minutes than that other fellow did in two hours."

Bernard said Artigues is "the original Perry Mason."

Although, the board dropped its effort to back out of the Southern Regional contract, it did discuss a motion to approve an increase in the Southern Regional Wastewater bill.

"Two audit years ago," Bernard said, "Waveland overpaid its yearly bill (by) \$2,000. This year, Waveland underpaid the bill by \$6,000."

"The estimate that we were scheduled to pay was very grossly underestimated. ... This \$6,000 a month is not a catch-up deal - it is an amount that we're going to start paying."

"It was the fault of a consultant that the board hired that caused this great miscalculation as to what we have to pay."

Longo said that the current bill was due to the heavy amounts of rain that came with Hurricane Lili and Tropical Storm Isidore, and does not include other items that will lessen the monthly payments later on, such as the refinancing of the 1993 indebtedness on the Southern Regional proj-

ect."

"It should go down next month," Longo said, "but it will definitely go down next year."

The board tabled discussion on the Southern Regional bill increase. That matter will now be discussed by the new board, which takes over in December.

The board's lineup will change next month. Bernard lost his bid for reelection at this month's primaries; his Democratic challenger, Keith Mitchell, will face Republican George Yarbrough in the Dec. 3 general election. Smolensky gave up his Ward 3 seat to challenge Longo for the mayor's seat. Democrat Brian Schmitt won the Democratic nod for the Ward 3 position, and will square off against Republican Scott Blackwell in December. Ward 2's Geoffrey won his party's nomination, and will go up against Republican Jay Trapani.

Piazza also lost his bid for the Democratic nomination on Wednesday night, after the final tallies in his race against Santo Saucier Jr. were counted. The two men tied, then tied again after affidavit ballots were counted. The race was ultimately decided by a coin toss, although it may still be contested. Both candidates said Wednesday that they planned to review the ballots, although as of late Friday afternoon, neither had officially requested to do so. As it stands now, Saucier is slated to face Republican Judanne "Judee" "Red" English on Dec. 3.

Before the meeting broke up Wednesday - and before the Piazza-Saucier race was

decided - Piazza said he wanted to praise his fellow board members for their years of service to the city of Waveland: "It's been fantastic to work with you."

"It's been a hell of a ride," Smolensky said. "I did my best. ... My number one thing is, I love the city of Waveland."

"My hat's off to anybody and everybody that sits up here (on the board)" Longo said. "It's not a walk in the park."

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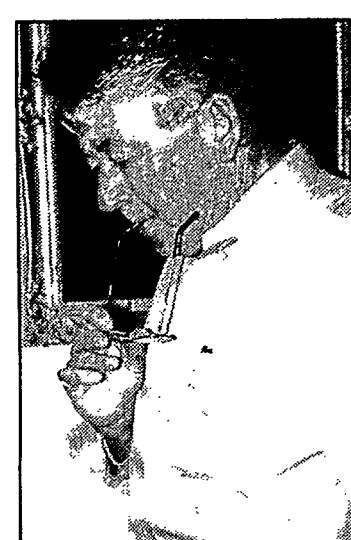
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The Hancock Medical Center Volunteer Services organization presents a check for \$20,000 to Administrator Hal W. Leftwich, right, at a recent appreciation luncheon. Others, from left, are Volunteer Services Director Theresa Bourgeois, HMC Board of Trustees President William A. Tate III, Volunteers Vice President Mary Gilmore and HMC Foundation President Ellis C. Cuevas. The organization raised the money through hospital gift shop and vending machine sales.

Judges named for library Holiday Tree Gala

Nancy Artigues, Carter Church, Carrie Duncan, Lila Taylor and Myron Webb will serve as judges for the Hancock County Library System's 2002 Holiday Tree Gala.

The event has been set for Sunday, Dec. 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Trees decorated by more than 60 local businesses, organizations and schools will be judged in eleven categories, including Best in Show, Most Creative Tree and the Designer Award.

Artigues, chairman of the panel of judges, currently serves as chairman of the Waveland Library Project

Steering Committee. She is a resident of Waveland, a community leader and long-time library supporter.

Church, owner of Carter Church Designs, has 43 years experience in the field of couture, bridal, theatrical and carnival costumes.

He has received more than 130 Alpha Awards and the renowned Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the Fashion Group International.

Duncan is the weekend meteorologist for WLOX-TV 13.

Originally from Starkville, she worked as a meteorologist for three years in Washington, Greenville, New Bern, N. C., before com-

ing to the Coast.

Taylor is a native of Bay St. Louis and works at the Hancock County Tax Assessor's Office. Webb, NASA's Public Affairs officer for the past 15 years, is a resident of Diamondhead and has received numerous awards in her field.

"We feel honored to have these five as judges for our eighth annual event," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "And we appreciate them giving time and talent to this community-wide holiday event."

Further information on the Library's Holiday Tree Gala is available by calling Sheila Cork at 467-5282.

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Obituaries

PALMA ALLEN
MARQUIS W. BOND
JAMES COOLEY
SUGENIA DEEN
EARINE MAYEAUX
LUCILLE REED
ARLENE
SCHAMBACH
FRANK SHOTTS

PALMA ALLEN
Palma "Pam" Rose Magnon Walton Allen, 45, of Slidell, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002.

Mrs. Allen was a homemaker and certified dog groomer. She was born in New Orleans and lived in Slidell for the past year. She was vice president of the PTA of Destrehan High School for three years.

Survivors include her husband, Ronald J. Allen; two sons, Jimmy Patrick Barr Jr. and Michael Anthony Barr; a daughter, Tiffany Rose Walton; her stepmother, Willie Magnon; two sisters, Jo Ann Brown and Susie Duplantis; and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was conducted Saturday in Metairie. United Funeral Services was in charge of arrangements.

MARQUIS W. BOND
Marquis W. Bond, 72, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Bond was a Baptist. Survivors include a sister, Opal B. Ainsworth of Wiggins; and a brother, Hollie T. Bond Jr. of Wiggins.

Visitation was Saturday at Moore Funeral Home in Wiggins. Services followed in the funeral home chapel with burial in Little Creek Cemetery.

JAMES COOLEY
James Howard Cooley, 62, of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2002, in Slidell.

Mr. Cooley was a native of Richton and was a resident of Bay St. Louis for over 42 years. He was of the Baptist faith and was

retired from the Hancock County Port and Harbor Commission as a superintendent of the loading docks. He was also employed for Industrial Electric on Railroad Avenue in Bay St. Louis for 17 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Howard Grey Cooley.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. James Colley of Bay St. Louis; his mother, Dorothy Cooley of Waveland; a brother, John Cooley of Kiln; and four sisters, Cynthia Odom of Waveland, Joan Angerson of Metairie, La., Linda Necaise and Betty Travirca, both of Kiln.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel, with burial in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

SUGENIA DEEN
Sugenia (Jean) Deen, 96, of Pass Christian, died Friday, Nov. 22, 2002, at the Miramar Nursing Home in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced later by McBride Funeral Home in Ripley, Ms.

EARINE MAYEAUX
Earine Michele Merrow-Mayeaux, 23, of Kiln, died Monday, Nov. 18, 2002, in Kiln.

Ms. Mayeaux was a native of Slidell and was a homemaker. She was a member of New Jerusalem Praise and Worship Center of Slidell.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Merry Lee Patterson Merrow; and a brother, Gregory M. Merrow.

Survivors include a son, Kenneth John Mayeaux of Kiln; father, Gregory L. Merrow; stepmother, Margaret Merrow, all of Slidell; and five sisters, Melissa Bertaut of Hattiesburg, Dawn Bertaut of Slidell, Rickie "Rickey Red" Seal of Kiln, Deonne Webb of Slidell, Sarah

Merrow-Danos of Golden Meadow.

Services were conducted Friday at McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune.

LUCILLE REED
Lucille "Teel" Brown Reed, 88, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, in Slidell.

Ms. Reed retired from Pan American Life after 37 years of service.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Files Brown Jr. and Edward Thomas.

Survivors include a sister, Ruth E. Williams; and a brother, William T. Brown Sr.

Visitation was Saturday at Tharp Sontheimer Tharp Funeral Home in Metairie followed by services and burial in Metairie Cemetery.

The family prefers memorials to Alzheimer's Association, 1040 Calhoun St., New Orleans, LA 70130, or to one's favorite charity.



ARLENE SCHAMBACH
Arlene Jones Schambach, 51, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, Nov. 21, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Schambach was born in Grove, Ala. in 1951 and raised in Waynesboro, Miss. She attended Jones Jr. College and William Carey College graduating in 1972. She began her career with the Wayne County School District as a year book and class sponsor. She served Harrison County School District until leaving to set up the managed 94-142 Special Education

Program at the Bay-Waveland School District under Joe McCullough's administration. She later joined the Hancock County School District and served as administrator of special education. She served over 25 years in special education, dedicating her life to the children of three coastal counties.

She was preceded in death by her father, Edward Jones.

Survivors include her husband, Edward Schambach of Bay St. Louis; her mother, Nell Jones of Waynesboro; two daughters, Kimberly Dawn Turner of Bay St. Louis and Robi Suzanne Schambach of Atlanta; a brother, Elroy Jones of Hattiesburg; two sisters, Kathy Trudeau of Laurel and Peggy Jones of Daphne, Ala.; and a grandchild.

Visitation was Friday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home chapel followed by burial in Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

FRANK SHOTTS
Frank N. Shotts, 82, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Shotts was a native of Sunflower County and was a mechanic welder. He also was a member of Clearview Baptist Church and served in the Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents Otis Shotts and Mildred Broomfield Shotts.

Survivors include his wife, Dena M. Jones Shotts of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Lonus Shotts of Mendenhall; a sister, Odie Lee Floyd of Mendenhall; a son, Dennis F. Shotts of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Simmone M. Mullins of Bay St. Louis; and a grandchild.

Services were conducted Friday at Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Magee followed by services at Southern Memorial Park Mausoleum.

Quilts on display at Kiln

An exhibit of quilts by award-winning quilter Mimi Alf of Diamondhead is currently on display at the Kiln Public Library through Dec. 4.

More than 11 quilts, three pillows, four books and eight award ribbons are included in the display. All quilts displayed are pieced, appliquéd and quilted by sewing machines. Her quilt placed first competing against quilts submitted from all over the country, and was displayed recently at the International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas.

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Gifts that are not used at Christmas are used year around for children's birthdays and for the house.

Electronics: Personal tape and CD layers/sports

radio, cameras, hand-held games, Playstation II, Playstation games, games for computers

Clothing: Nightwear for all ages, socks, underwear for all ages, gloves, scarfs, hats

Toys: All new toys welcome except those that have many small parts or require glue or a significant amount of assembly, African-American dolls and books

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The holiday season brings visions of Santa Claus, decorated trees and gingerbread houses. Children and adults in Pearlington are being asked to make and decorate a gingerbread house and bring it to the Pearlington Public Library to display. A gingerbread house decorating contest will be held with awards presented to the best. The contest is part of the Celebrate the Season theme for holiday activities at the Pearlington Public Library and Charles B. Murphy Elementary School.

Set for Wednesday, Dec. 4, from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Pearlington Public Library, the event will include holiday storytelling, holiday caroling, and, of course, a visit from Santa himself.

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ornaments made by students from each class at Charles B. Murphy Elementary School.

"We urge parents to get together with their children and make and decorate a

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Pantry -- food for the holidays

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stocking paper bags with groceries according to the number of members within a family.

"Volunteers fill the bags to last about four or five days in hopes of things turning around for the client," Thorson said.

Contributions are donated by local churches, clubs, organizations and individuals while 30 percent of the pantry's budget comes from United Way.

In Pass Christian, the Christian Concern Food Bank provides the same services with a special touch for Thanksgiving.

"We'll probably pass out

about 45 to 50 food baskets this year," said Otis Gates Sr., president of the volunteer organization. "We passed out 63 baskets last year."

The special baskets provide a Thanksgiving meal for needy families complete with a turkey, dressing, green beans, corn meal, cranberry sauce, sweet potatoes, macaroni and cheese and more.

Gates said volunteers plan to start packing the baskets on Monday and possibly Tuesday if necessary and then begin the deliveries. St. Vincent DePaul Society also helps put bas-

kets together, delivery the baskets and provide items for the baskets.

"The pantry is supported by the community," Gates said. "Everything donated comes from local schools, churches, the post office and individuals."

With this support, the food bank provides a place for needy families every Friday from 10 a.m. to noon under the operation of Gates and fellow volunteers Huey P. Singleton and Bob Theriot.

Gates said the food bank hit a record Nov. 22 when it served 12 families with a total of 34 people in one day.

"The families are very thankful to have a place to go to get food when they don't have any themselves," Gates said. "They are very appreciative of the pantry being there for them."

The food bank, which opened in May 1997, is located at 258 Saucier in Pass Christian.

For more information call, 452-2028, 216-3954 or 452-4117.

For details about the Hancock County Food Pantry, call 467-2790.

Donations may also be dropped off at Save Our Children in Bay St. Louis at 405 Nacaise Street.

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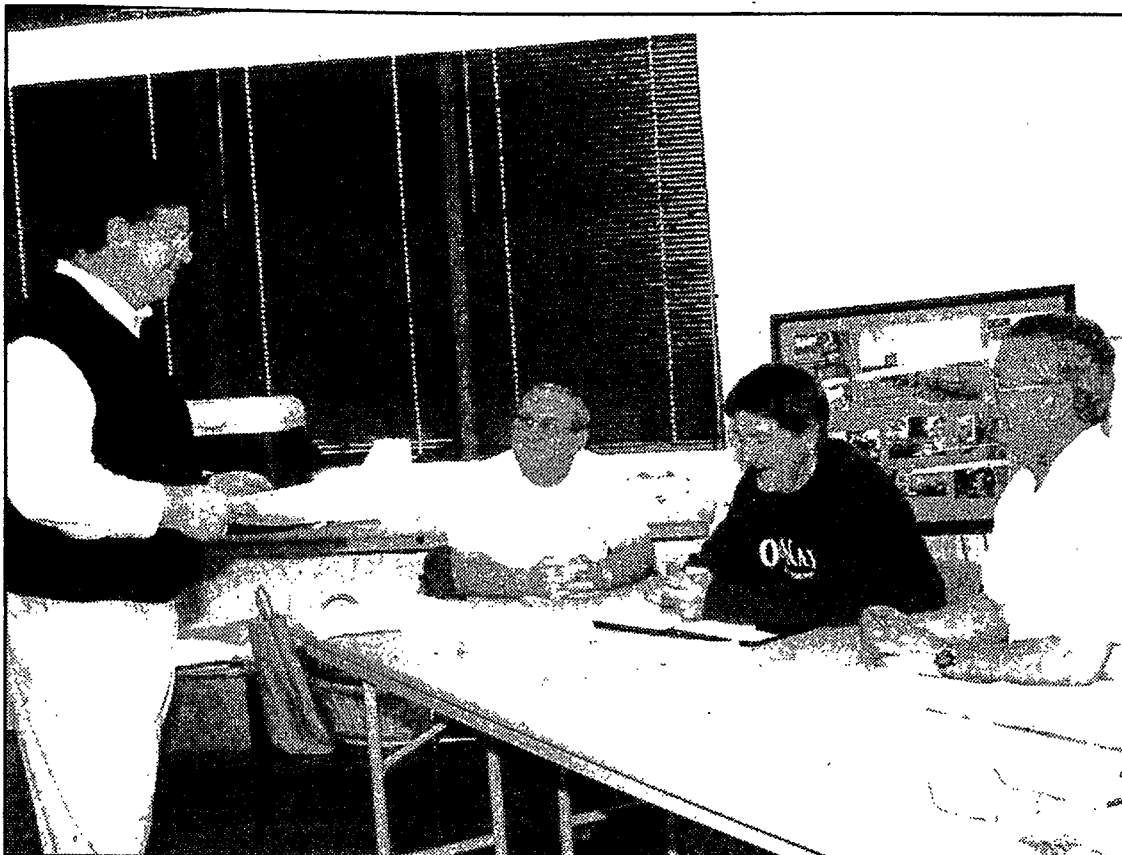


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Police officers from across the coast attended a continuing education class all last week at the Bay St. Louis Depot. Officers received training on Interview and Interrogation Techniques from Robert Craig Anderson, Dp.Ad.Ed. Anderson is a world renowned educator and has spent almost 38 years in law enforcement. He has taught classes all over the world including at Scotland Yard and in Israel. The classes are held at no charge. Area classes are in conjunction with the Regional Organized Crime Information Center which consists of eight southern states. The states share information on criminal activity and behavior across a network. Pictured are Anderson, Bay St. Louis Sgt. Richard Hannah, Hancock County Sheriff's Department Detective John E. Luther and Bay St. Louis Detective Joseph Kepfer III. Officers from Waveland and the Narcotics Task force were also in attendance.

Echo Staff Photo by Bennie Shalbetter

Pearls of the MS Sound Christmas Tea is Dec. 10

The Pearls of the Mississippi Sound Christmas Tea takes place Tuesday Dec. 10, 4-6 p.m. in the Palm House Bed & Breakfast, 217 Union Street, Bay St. Louis.

The event is hosted by Margie Morken, Judy Barrett, Julia Ann Caruso, Gayle Egan, Nell Frisbie, Myrt Haas, Carol Hansell, Betty Holleman, Bobbye Staehle and Terry Sullivan.

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Jailed -- Perniciaro

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superintendent.

As the attendance officer -- basically, the truancy officer -- Perniciaro was in charge of making sure that school-age children from both Hancock County and Bay-Waveland school districts attended class. He

had come under both praise and criticism in late '99 and 2000 for strictly enforcing attendance laws, going so far as to have the parents of truant students arrested.

Once Perniciaro resigned as the truancy officer, the matter no longer concerned

the state education department, according to their officials in 2001. However, attorney general's investigators reported they would continue to look into the case.

Train -- crossing

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feature at the Coleman Ave. crossing, collecting over 800 signatures.

City officials met with Gene Taylor, Trent Lott, the Mississippi Department of Transportation and CSX officials and Operation Lifesaver to find out what

needed to be done to make the project possible.

After putting together figures, which included such statistics as the number of cars and school buses crossing the intersection, the project finally became a

reality. Caution lights were a city project done in house. Nicholson Ave. remains the only intersection in Waveland without crossing arms. That intersection has a cross light warning.

Bonco Night fund raiser

The Diamondhead Lions Club will hold its semi-annual Bonco Night fund raiser Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Diamondhead Community Center.

There will be cash prizes, door prizes, refreshments and a fun evening.

Tickets are \$10 and are available from any member of the Diamondhead Lions Club or by calling Dee at 255-4815 or Gwen or Bill at 255-4887.

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Thirty-four individuals sitting for the salespersons examination successfully completed the requirements and will now be awarded the salesperson license.

The examination consisted of 100 questions prepared by the American College Testing Services (ACT) for Real Estate License Law Officials across the United States and Canada.

Applicants are questioned concerning the Mississippi Real Estate Law and Rules and Regulations governing their activities in that vocation.

Commissioner Lenwood Sawyer, 5th Congressional District, Gulfport announced that John Hall, Amy Probst, Kelly Coleman and Dawn Thornton from Hancock County each received a salesperson license.



Grand opening

Megga's Discount Cigarettes & Beer, located at the corner of Waveland Avenue and Highway 90 in Waveland, recently celebrated its grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The business features a walk-in beer cooler, shipping, faxing and package wrapping services. They also offer maid and concierge services. In attendance were Linda Graffeo, Tish Haas Williams, Courtney Thomas, Anthony Murray, owner Rebecca "Megga" Ball, Jane Grass, John Akins, John Baxter, David Bassett and others. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

Musgrove announces 300 jobs for Coast area

Governor Ronnie Musgrove, along with Future Pipe Industries executives, announced that the company will locate a \$7.5 million plant in Gulfport.

The project, the company's first United States operation, will create up to 300 jobs over a five-year period. Future Pipe, a leading manufacturer of high performance, anti-corrosive pipe systems, will be located on a 25-acre site in one of Harrison County's industrial parks, the Bernard Bayou Industrial District in Gulfport.

"I am pleased to welcome Future Pipe Industries as our newest corporate citizen. We appreciate the quality jobs and development that Future Pipe Industries will bring to this community," said Governor Ronnie Musgrove.

The Gulfport facility will be a specialized high-pressure fiberglass pipe manufacturing plant, which will initially create 75 jobs and generate estimated annual sales of \$5-7 million during Phase 1.

"Mississippi is serious about job creation. We're

competing around the country and around the world. We are recruiting new business, retaining existing business, and making a difference in Mississippi," said Robert J. Rohrlack, Jr., executive director, Mississippi Development Authority.

"Future Pipe Industries location in Mississippi is further evidence of the strong business climate that exists in our state. We have proven that we can compete in the global marketplace and will continue in our efforts to bring quality, high-paying jobs to our citizens," added Governor Musgrove.

The foreign national corporation, with operations in Lebanon, Egypt, the Emirates, Oman, Qatar, Dubai, Holland and France, produces pipe systems for the municipal, petrochemical and industrial markets.

Future Pipe Group is a market leader in the Middle East as well as Europe, controlling 70% of the industry in the Middle East and aggressively increasing market share in Europe through strategic acquisitions since 1996.



Breakfast meeting

The Hancock County Chamber of Commerce sponsored a breakfast Wednesday with the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and other elected officials. The event was held at the Waveland Holiday Inn and a full house attended. The supervisors gave an update on county activities and the audience had an opportunity to ask questions. Those attending included supervisors Jeep Ladner, Steve Seymour, Lisa Coward, Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar, supervisor Jay Cuevas and Tax Collector Jimmie Ladner. This was the third and final of a series of meetings with local elected officials. Prior events included the mayors of Waveland and Bay S. Louis. (Staff photo by Randy Ponder)

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Mayley to lead Relay for Life

Over 2 million volunteers work in communities like Hancock County to reduce the threat of cancer through the American Cancer Society's signature event, Relay For Life.

You, too, can help conquer cancer by participating in Relay For Life.

Relay For Life in Hancock County is scheduled for Friday, May 2, 2003 at the Hancock Medical Center's Walking Track on Highway 90.

Relay For Life is an overnight fund-raising event filled with activities, food and community spirit.

This year's event chairman, David Mayley, is excited about Hancock County's efforts to make cancer a thing of the past.

"The bar was set very high for us at last year's Relay For Life. The fund-raising goals were far exceeded, and the event was a huge success," he said.

"I know the citizens of Hancock County will join with me to make this year's event an even greater success. We must work hard to help eradicate such a dreaded disease."

All funds raised at Relay

For Life benefit those touched by cancer. The American Cancer Society works to reduce cancer incidence and mortality through research, education, advocacy and patient services.

The committee for Relay For Life in Hancock County is seeking energetic volunteers to help organize the event and teams to participate in the event.

The 8.9 million cancer survivors alive today, along with their families and friends, thank you for contributing to the fight. This year in the United States, an estimated 1.2 million people will be diagnosed with cancer; 198 people in Hancock County will be diagnosed this year.

Additionally, the disease will kill approximately 552,000 Americans - which means 1,600 people will die of cancer each day.

Eighty-six Hancock County residents are estimated to lose their battle with cancer this year. Together we can make a difference.

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State wide award

The Sea Coast Echo was recognized recently in Jackson by the American Cancer Society for its "Outstanding Coverage" and support of the group's Relay For Life event. Presenting the award to Echo publisher Randy Ponder, center, are John Baxter, right, last year's relay president and David Mayley, president of the 2003 event.

volunteering or entering a team, contact David Mayley at 467-4336 or 463-0819.

For more information about Relay For Life or cancer, contact the American Cancer Society at 1-800-ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide,

community-based, voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

Guizerix named VP

Armand "Skipper" Guizerix, III, recently joined Hancock Bank as a vice president and wealth management specialist, according to an announcement by Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel.

Picayune native Guizerix will administer business development initiatives for Hancock's wealth management team, which assists clients in identifying and coordinating a full spectrum of financial services, including traditional banking, private banking, trust, investments, mortgage, and insurance.

A former trust senior vice president with a central Mississippi bank, he has over 20 years of financial industry experience.

Guizerix was graduated from Picayune Memorial High School and holds both a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Mississippi State University and a master of business administration degree from The University of Mississippi.

He has served as Mississippi Bankers Association (MBA) trust committee chair.



Ribbon cutting

Pass Christian Pet Care, 408 St. Louis Street, Pass Christian, celebrated its one year anniversary with a ribbon cutting ceremony November 8. The business offers pet care and grooming, pet sitting and boarding as well as all types of pet supplies. Participating in the event were Eugene Russell, Chaz Almsworth, Mary Jo Jones, Chandra Nelson, owner Amber Hegler, Pass Christian Mayor Billy McDonald, Melissa Russell and many other friends and family. (Staff photo by Suzette Carlson)



Dedication

Congressman Gene Taylor was the featured speaker and cut the ceremonial ribbon Friday at VT Halter Marine, Inc. dedication in Gulfport. Taylor stressed the importance of the ship building industry, not only to South Mississippi, but for the entire nation as well. He urged those in attendance to utilize ships built in America. After the ribbon cutting, Taylor and VT Halter president and Chief Operating Officer Anil Raj, left, exchanged greetings. The new company was formed when Vision Technologies Kinetics, Inc. purchased eight shipyards from Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. in October. (Staff photo by Randy Ponder)

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SPORTS

'Cats wrap 2002 soccer season a goal shy of MACJC playoffs

Adam Breerwood's 2002 edition of Pearl River Community College Wildcat soccer came up one goal shy of making the MACJC post-season playoffs, but the third-year head coach says even brighter things should be in store for the future.

The Wildcats finished the season at 10-6 overall and 7-3 in South Division play, losing its last regular season game 5-4 to Meridian in double overtime. A win and the group would've been in the post-season for the third time in four years.

"We came close, but the chips just didn't fall like we'd hoped," said Breerwood. "But I appreciate the effort from them all. There were lots of guys who stepped up when needed and oftentimes it was the unexpected player that rose to the occasion."

"They were an impressive group."

Sophomore David Heaps of St. Stanislaus ended the year with a team-high 11 goals and eight assists and was the leader of the Wildcats' "balanced attack."

"David was the oil that kept things lubricated," Breerwood said. "He was a threat all over the field. He was that way as a freshman and didn't disappoint anyone this year."

Sophomore sweeper Josh Noffke, an All-State player last season, was touted as the "core of our defense," while freshman Stephen Kulikowski of St. Stanislaus was heralded as "one of the best all-around players to ever come through our program."

"Both Josh and Stephen

were anchors," Breerwood said. "Kulikowski is a tremendous defender and a threat anywhere on the field."

Breerwood touted freshman Brice Breland, another St. Stanislaus recruit, was his "recruiting surprise."

"I knew the guy was a good player, but I never thought he'd be as good as he was," he said. "Defensively, I'd put him up against any player in the league...bar none."

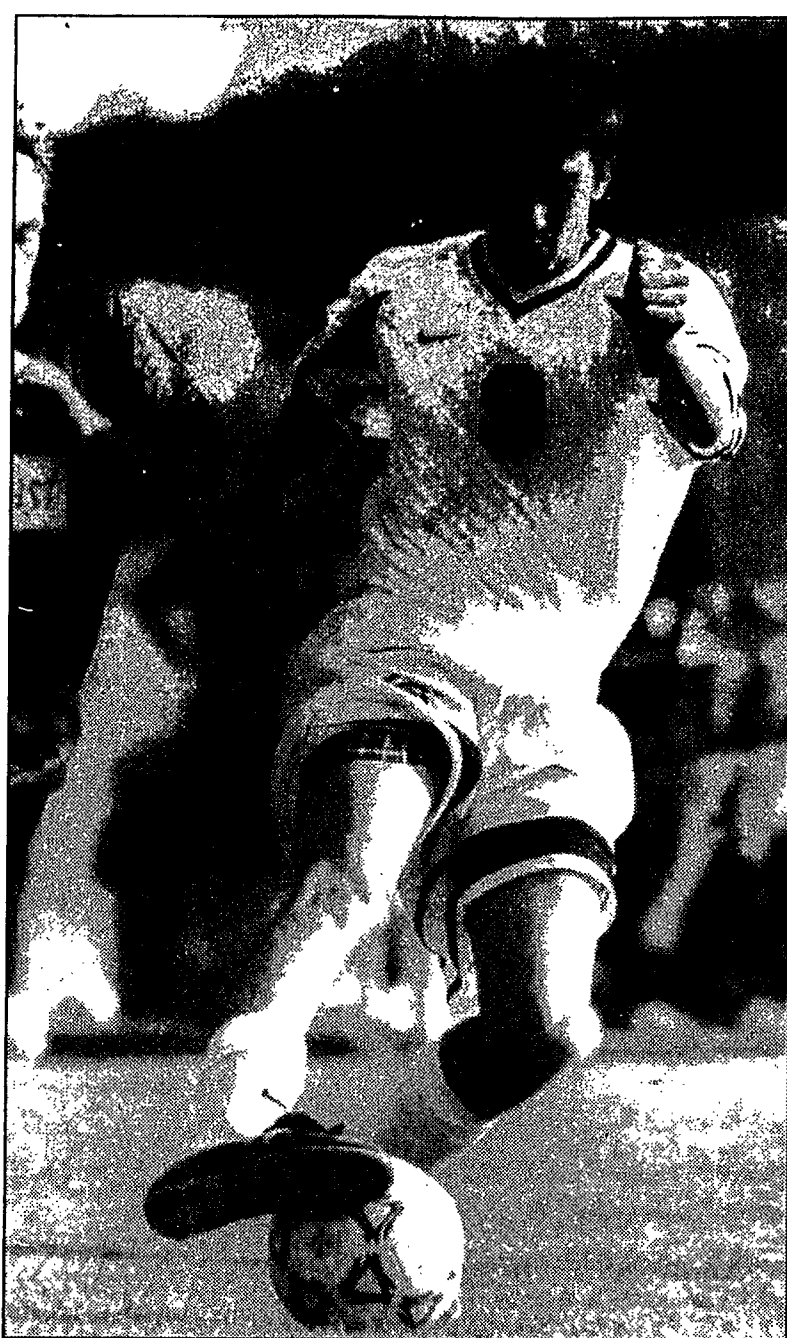
Sophomores Matt White of Petal drew praise for his defensive efforts as a starter the past two seasons, while Matt Powell of St. Stanislaus was so versatile "you could play him at any position on the field and feel comfortable with it."

Sophomore Josh Coltraine of Petal drew praise for his back up play, while third-year sophomore Jason Reiben of Picayune High started every game.

"Jason tore his ACL in the first preseason game we played last year, but he came back and performed like it never happened," Breerwood said. "Jason is a tremendous soccer player and I look for him to go on to a bright senior college career."

Breerwood said his team's emotional play oftentimes hindered success on the field.

"I coach our guys to play with emotion, but sometimes that emotion would work against us," he said. "But if our guys can learn to vent their frustrations in a positive direction, we'll be a definite force to reckon with next year."



BRICE BRELAND

"We've got a solid nucleus returning. With a few key components here and there, we could take it all next year."

Chris D'Ambrosio completed his third season as Breerwood's assistant and was lauded for his contributions.

"Chris is not only great soccer coach, but a great friend," he said. "He's been playing soccer since he was seven and knows the game backwards and forwards. Plus he did an incredible job relating to the players."

Former Wildcat keeper Steven Boudro served as student assistant coach.

Rocks fall to Gulfport; Lady Hawks, Tigers get big wins

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Several area teams were in action on the court during the course of the past week. However, the premier matchup was the St. Stanislaus/Gulfport contest held at Bert Jenkins Gymnasium on Thursday, November 21.

The Rocks (4-1) and the Admirals (2-1) battled the entire game before Gulfport, ranked #1 in the state and defending Class 5A state champs, claimed a 63-54 win over the #12 ranked Rock-a-chaws.

The Rocks battled the Admirals in the first period but fell behind 15-10 at the end. The Rocks took their first lead of the game 18-15 with 4:48 left in the first half on a Rob Murray trey. The Admirals followed with a 8-1 run to reclaim the lead 23-19 by the 3:00 mark. The Admirals nursed a 28-23 lead at intermission.

The third period hurt the Rocks as they fell behind by as much as 11 points before closing the quarter behind 46-37.

The fourth period was one of maintaining by the Admirals. The Rocks could not get any closer than 9 points throughout the final stanza.

Gulfport head coach Brian Caldwell commented, "This was a hard fought game by both teams. St. Stanislaus has an outstanding team and they are one of the best teams, regardless of classification, in South Mississippi."

The Rocks were led by Rob Murray's 16 points followed by Gabe Willis' 14 points. Gulfport was led by Henry Salter's 17 points fol-

lowed by Courtenay Brown with 15 and Tim Holmes with 10 points.

The Rocks also played a mid-week game against the Long Beach Bearcats. SSC defeated Long Beach 86-52. Darius Acker led the Rocks with 33 points followed by Gabe Willis' 25 points.

The Hancock Hawks tangled with Pascagoula on Tuesday evening. The Panthers bit the Hawks 95-58 to send the Hawks to 3-2 on the season. Braxton Rockwell led Hancock with 13 points.

The Hancock Lady Hawks knocked off one of Louisiana's top women's teams in Dominican High School. The Lady Hawks went on 14-4 run at the end of the third period to claim the win. The run was sparked by University of Memphis signee Devin Necaie who led all scorers with 22 points.

The Hawks pulled to within seven points 44-37 with the run. However, after that it was all Hancock as they outscored Dominican 21-6 in the final period.

Brooke Necaie added 12 points in the win. The run gives the Lady Hawks a 4-2 record overall.

The Pass Christian Pirates swept the St. John Eagles. In the boys game, the Pirates beat St. John 64-44 behind the complete game from Garland Stewart who scored 16 points, had 12 rebounds and four blocked shots. The Pirates improved to 4-0 while St. John remained winless at 0-5.

The Lady Pirates (4-2) defeated the Lady Eagles 57-39. Kenyetta Woods recorded a double-double

with 13 points and 15 assists in the game. Deanna Ladner and Tina Martin each scored 14 points to lead the Lady Pirates.

The #5 ranked Bay High Lady Tigers put it on the Lady Admirals of Gulfport on Tuesday night 76-58. Carmen Latat was on fire as she scored 30 points to lead the Lady Tigers.

Bay High (5-0) held a slim 32-29 lead at halftime. Kendra Reed halted a mini-run by the Lady Admirals at the start of the third period when she iced two free throws. The Lady Admirals never got back within six points after that as the Lady Tigers forced 20 turnovers in the contest.

Kendra Reed added 22 points to her eight rebounds and three assists. Her sister, Stephanie, scored 13 points in the game. Felicia Thomas tallied six steals for the Lady Tigers.

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Bay High basketball team

2002-03 Bay High basketball team members include freshmen Jason James, 55; Donovan Clark, 32; Anthony Saucier, 30; Jason Sims, 15; and Manny Wilkerson, 45; sophomores Don Coe, 5; George Easley and Damon Adolph, 22; Maurice Apacanis, 44; Lorenzo Lewis, 12; and Anthony Hames, 10; juniors Cory Todd, 00; Rene Acker, 11; Marquez Singleton, 4; Joseph Sims, 25; Nathan Bradley, 50; and senior Eric Lymuel, 24. Managers are Cory Gillum, left; Danny Dorsey, right in back; and Michael Rogers, right in front. (Photo by Maurice Singleton)

PRCC splits with Faulkner, Lady Cats remain undefeated at 8-0

POPLARVILLE The undefeated Pearl River Community College Lady Wildcats improved to 8-0 here Thursday with a lopsided 88-69 victory over Shelton State's Lady Buccaneers in M.R. White Coliseum.

PRCC guard Audosha Kelley of Savannah, Ga., poured in 29 points and grabbed 11 rebounds both individual season-high totals to push the Lady Wildcats to the 19-point victory.

Shelton State, located in Tuscaloosa, Ala., dropped to 2-5 on the year.

The score was deadlocked at 27-27 with some seven minutes before the intermission, but guard Ykeisha Gray sank a pair of foul shots with 5:40 left to snap the tie and the Lady Wildcats never looked back. Kelley followed with back-to-back buckets, then a goal by Kira Tillman and two buckets by post Kristie McKinley made it 40-29. Samantha Flennory hit a lay up with 1:54 left to give

PRCC its largest lead of the first half at 42-29.

Shelton State answered with a 4-1 run to cut PRCC's lead to 43-33 at the half. In the final two minutes, the Lady Wildcats grabbed it largest lead of the night 21 points when Janci Newsome scored to make it 86-65.

Besides Kelley's superb effort, Gray added 12 (5 assists, 2 treys, 2 steals), McKinley 11 (5 rebounds), Flennory 8 (2 steals), Newsome 7 (4 rebounds, 2 steals), Stephanie Gonzales 6, Kimberly Winfrey 5 (4 rebounds), Danielle Smith 5 (1 trey), Monica Dawson of Lynchburg, Va., 3; and Tillman 2 (5 rebounds, 4 assists).

Nicole Thomas paced the Lady Bucs with 18 points (7 rebounds, 6 of 7 from the field), while Emily Nalls added 15 (4 rebounds), Marquitta Hillman 10 (2 treys, 6 assists), Laura Rombokas 6, Marie Heacox 5 (1 trey), Leanne Grayson and Latasha Harris, 4 each; Ashlee Parker 3 (1 trey),

and Jennifer West and Leanne Williams, 2 each. Harris also hauled in a team-high 10 rebounds.

From the foul line, PRCC was 15 of 21 (71.4 percent), while SSCC was 9 of 16 (56.3 percent).

The Lady Wildcats hit 51.5 percent (35 of 68) from the field with a 3-of-8 effort (37.5 percent) from three-point range. Shelton State hit 40 percent (28 of 70) from the field and a dismal 16.7 percent (4 of 24) from three-point range.

The Pearl River men participate in the two-day Mississippi Gulf Coast Classic in Perkinston next week. The Wildcats take on East Mississippi at 6 p.m. Monday, then eyes Northwest Shoals (Ala.) Tuesday at 1 p.m.

Following a Thanksgiving break, PRCC's women and men open their South Division schedules Thursday, Dec. 5, against East Central in Decatur.

Pearl River Community College split with Faulkner State in women's and men's

basketball action Monday with the still-undefeated Lady Wildcats massacring the Lady Sun Chiefs 97-47, while the Wildcats dropped their first game of the season with a 76-65 setback.

PRCC's women improved to 7-0, while the men dropped to 5-1. Faulkner's women dropped to 0-3, while its men improved to 6-1.

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SSC, OLA & Hancock finish strong in state swim meet

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

The MHSAA held their annual State Swimming Championships at the Biloxi Natatorium on Saturday, November 2. The Hancock Hawks, St. Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws, and the OLA Crescents all participated in the event.

The top scoring team for the area schools was OLA who finished 9th overall out of 25 scoring teams while the Lady Hawks placed 25th. The Rocks took 11th out of 26 scoring teams while Hancock finished immediately them in 12th place.

The Crescents tallied a point total of 97 points while SSC garnered 69 points in the state meet. The Hawks finished with two points on the women's side followed by 62 points on the boys team.

Tupelo edged the Biloxi girls for the team state title scoring 260 points to 214 points. On the boys side, Biloxi claimed their second straight team title with 389 points.

Alyssa Walter became the first medalist in recent OLA history with a second place finish in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:18.57. Other top ten finishers for the Crescents were Amanda Sramek in the 50-yard freestyle with a ninth place finish. The 200-yard freestyle relay and the 200-yard medley relay teams from OLA touched the wall in 5th and 7th

place, respectively. Their times were 1:51.40 and 2:06.35.

The top finisher for the Lady Hawks was Cindy Spangler in the 100-yard freestyle. Spangler finished the race in 15th place out of 70 swimmers with a time of 1:02.71.

The top finisher for the Rocks was Cole Larsen who touched the wall in 4th place in the 500-yard freestyle event and the 200-yard individual medley. His times were 5:21.14 and 2:09.45.

Ian Blakeney was the top individual finisher for the Hawks. He placed 13th out of 30 swimmers in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:08.44.

The Hancock relay team finished 6th in both the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relays with times of 1:43.51 and 2:00.55. The Rock-a-chaw 400-yard

freestyle relay team finished in 6th place with a time of 4:02.48.

The South State championships were held a week earlier in Laurel. OLA placed sixth overall in South State with 153 points. Hancock finished with 50 points to finish 13th overall. On the boys side, St. Stanislaus finished third overall with 165 points while Hancock was 8th with 106 points.

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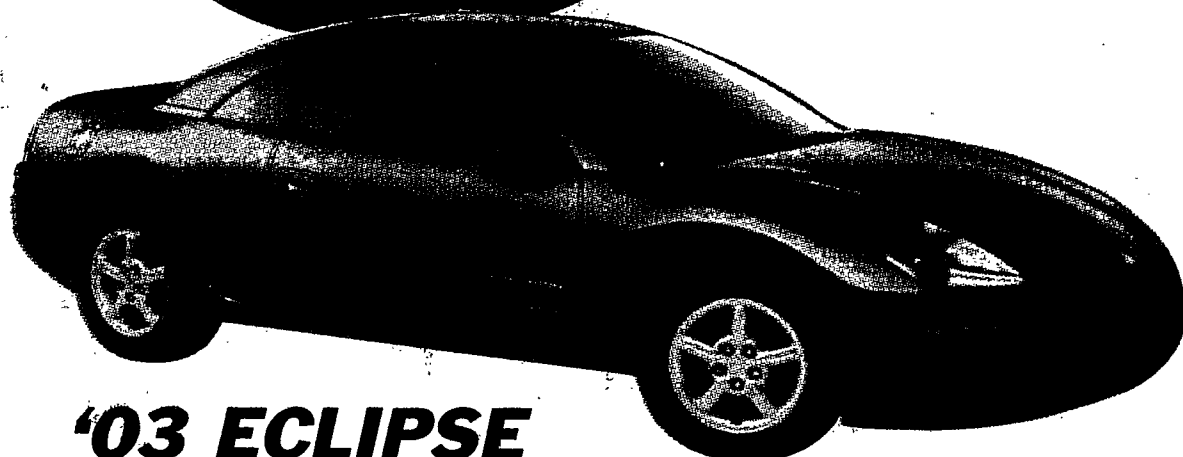
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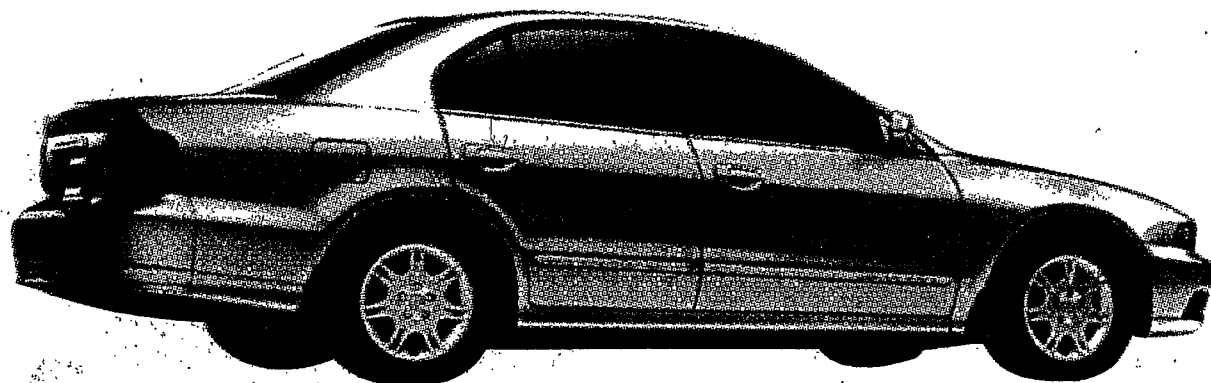
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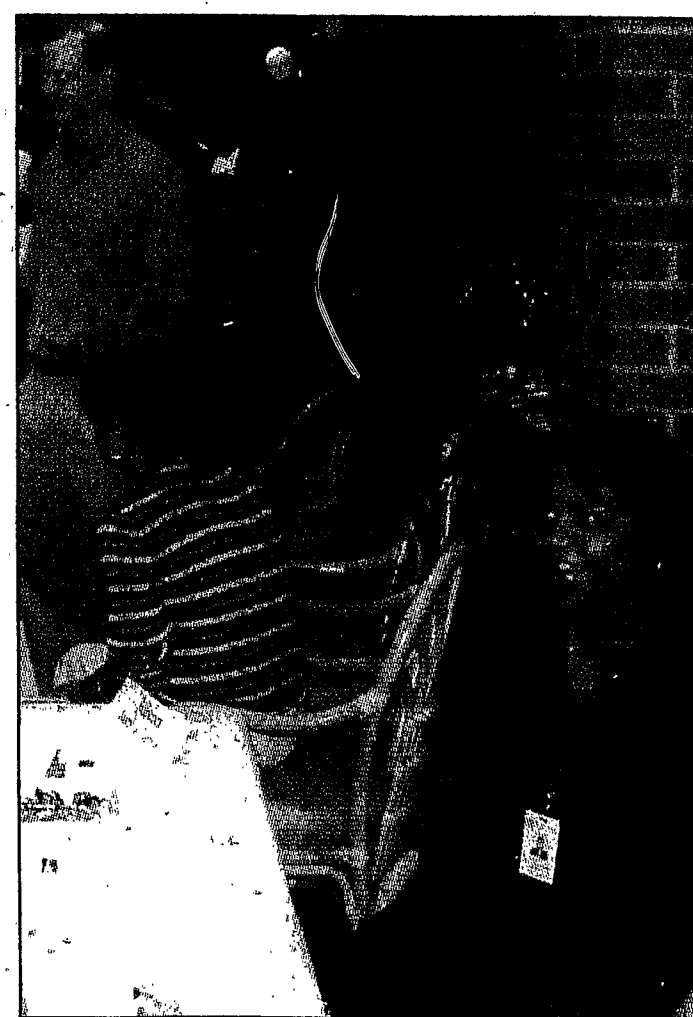
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Diamondhead Merchants Fair



Scenes from Thursday's Diamondhead Merchants Fair, held at the Diamondhead Country Club. The event was sponsored by the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association. An estimated 1,500 people attended the event, which has grown bigger each year.

Echo staff photos by Randy Ponder



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JuiceWednesday-Friday:
Thanksgiving Holiday
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Chicken Patty Sandwich,
Buttered Corn, Baked
Beans, Fresh Apple,
Tropical Fruit Mix, Rice
Krispie TreatTuesday: Chili and
Grilled Cheese Sandwich,
Steak Sandwich with
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Broccoli, Peas and Carrots,
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Sandwich, JuiceTuesday: Cereal with
Toast or Pancake Pup, JuiceWednesday: Cereal with
Toast or Peanut Butter and
Jelly Sandwich, JuiceThursday-Friday:
Thanksgiving Holiday
LUNCHMonday: Chicken
Nuggets, Cheeseburger,
Oven Fries, Sweet Potato
Soufflé, Pickle & Spears,
Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast
Rolls, Juice Bars

Tuesday:

Chicken
Gumbo, Pizza, Chef Salad,
French Fries, Whole Kernel
Corn, Potato Salad, Hot
Cinnamon Apples, Fruit
Juice, Cornbread, Crackers,
Chocolate PuddingWednesday: Vegetable
Soup with Grilled Cheese
Sandwich, Foot-long Hot
Dog, Spicy Fries, Green
Peas, Tossed Salad, Chilled
Pears, Fruit Juice, Garlic
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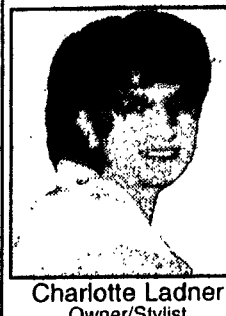
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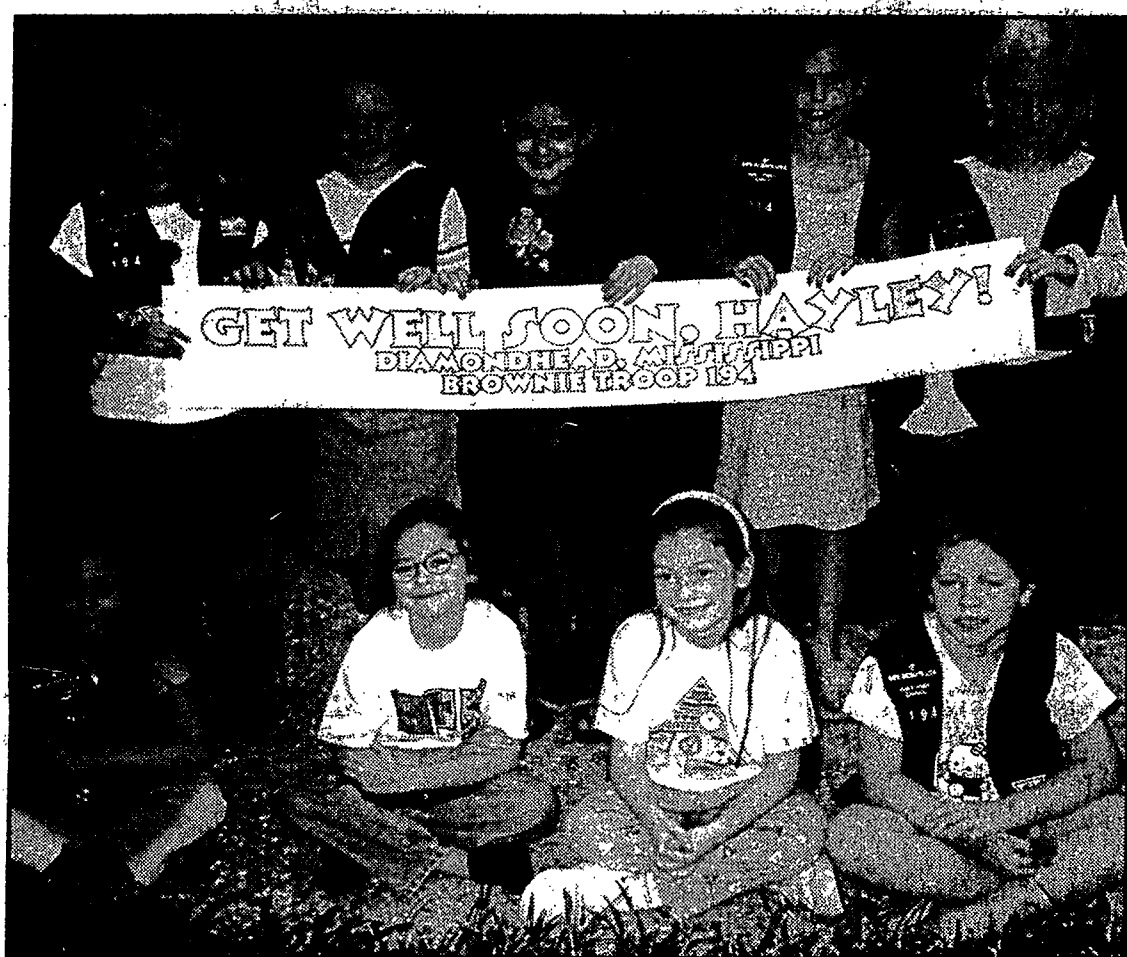
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Pictured are, top row from left, Faith Crawford, Erin Matthews, Sarah Bobbel, Courtney Geroux, and Lauren Liebekemann (Hayley's cousin and biggest supporter); bottom row, Kendall Ritten, Amy Love, Camille Swanson, and Emma McRaney.

Diamondhead Brownies
support Hayley ArceneauxTHE SEA COAST
ECHODiamondhead Brownie
Troop 194 member,
Lauren Liebekemann,
recently shared the story
of her cousin, Hayley
Arceneaux, who is cur-
rently a patient at St.
Jude Children's ResearchHospital in Memphis,
Tenn.Upon hearing about
Hayley's illness, the troop
banded together to adopt
Hayley as a special mem-
ber of their troop. To
ensure that Hayley knows
that everyone is rooting
for her speedy recovery,each Brownie created a
special card, which will be
mailed over the next few
weeks, so Hayley will have
a constant supply of mail.The troop also created a
sign with a personal mes-
sage from each girl to help
decorate Hayley's room at
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Weddings and Births



Mr. and Mrs. Shawn Willey

Willey-Boston

Jessica Carroll Boston of Kiln and Shawn Edward Roland Willey of Hattiesburg were united in marriage Oct. 18, 2002 in an afternoon ceremony in Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Father Chris Munsch officiated. Soloists were Lee Bosarge and Lynn DeRussy, and organist was Alana Rutledge.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Barbara Boston of Kiln.

The groom's parents are the late Mary Catherine Maroney and Wendell Willey of Norfolk, Va.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Maid of honor was Jenny Boston.

Bridesmaids included Christy Sowers, Kelly Yanok, Liz Drummond, April Marsh and Shonda Houser.

Best man was Brian Beech.

Ushers included Greg Willey, Ricky Willey, Dink Willey, Christopher Boston and David Sowers.

Flower girl was Logan Sowers, and ring bearer was Blake Sowers. An engagement party was given by the parents of the bride.

A couples shower was hosted by the bridesmaids, and a miscellaneous shower was given by Karen Compretta, Conally Scardino, Jessica Compretta and Miranda Compretta.

A bridal luncheon was hosted by Evelyn Yarborough, Amy Compretta and Lisa Cooksey, and a rehearsal dinner was hosted by the family of the groom.

A reception followed the ceremony at the Diamondhead Country Club.

The couple will reside in

LOGAN FERNANDEZ
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Fernandez of Waveland announce the birth of their second child, Logan Joseph, Nov. 19, 2002 at 7:42 a.m. at NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

He weighed 6 pounds, 11 ounces. Mrs. Fernandez is the former Laura Ellis. Maternal grandparents are Emmett and Shirley Ellis of Bay St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are Paulette Fernandez of Bay St. Louis and the late Louis Fernandez. Great-grandparents include the late Frank T. Ellis and the late Ora Bell Armstrong; Violet Fernandez of Metairie and the late Louis Fernandez Sr. and Lois Glass of Waveland and the late Pat Glass.

Logan is welcomed by his sister, Montana.

JOSHUA A. PETERS

Joe and Tina Peters of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of a son, Joshua Alexander, Oct. 22, 2002 at 7:53 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. Mrs. Peters is the former Tina Thornton. Maternal grandparents are Treva Boyd and Tommy Thornton of Bay St. Louis. Paternal grandparents are Boyce and Jane Peters of Bay St. Louis. Great-grandparents include Elmer and Carmella Boyd of Bay St. Louis. Joshua is welcomed by his brother, Colby.

TABBITHA A. KEIM

Ray and Connie Keim of Waveland announce the birth of their third child, Tabbitha AnnLee, Sept. 24, 2002 at 5:46 p.m. at

NorthShore Regional Medical Center in Slidell.

Maternal grandparents are Bill and Susan Beach of Picayune. Paternal grandparents are Ray and MonyLee Keim of Picayune. Great-grandparents include Elizabeth Roundtree of Colorado and Mr. and Mrs. Valire Hammon of Louisiana. Tabbitha is welcomed by her brother, Joseph, and sister, Maddison.

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MPACT Program extends 2002 enrollment deadline

According to State Treasurer Marshall Bennett, the College Savings Mississippi office will extend the deadline for enrolling in one of Mississippi's Section 529 plans, the Mississippi Prepaid Affordable College Tuition program (MPACT) until December 6.

"The deadline was set to expire on Nov. 30. However, we were concerned for the large number of people who bring in their applications on that last day of the enrollment period," Bennett said.

"This year, not only will Nov. 30 come on a Saturday, but the College Savings office and other state offices will close their doors on Thursday, Nov. 28, and Friday, Nov. 29, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

"We realized that this would cut the number of days for this enrollment period a little short. It seemed only fair to extend the deadline in this instance," Bennett concluded.

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In order to avoid further tuition hikes, Bennett encourages people to submit their applications during this enrollment period and to do so as early as possible.

However, the College Savings Mississippi office will make sure the new deadline will be honored to accommodate those who need that little extra time.

To find out more about the MPACT plan, or to obtain an application and a full Disclosure Booklet, call the College Savings Mississippi office toll free at 1-800-987-4450 or visit <http://www.collegesavingsmississippi.com>.

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Top 10 college planning tips from ACT's student writers

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If you're in high school and would like a little advice about planning for college and a career, 10 high school and college student writers for ACT provide the following top 10 tips:

1. Work hard the entire four years of high school so you will be more appealing to colleges and have a better chance at earning scholarships.

2. Pursue college regardless of what your peers or even your parents say. Don't let anyone talk you out of achieving your goals.

3. Treat your college entrance exam like a regu-

lar test, without all the pressure of thinking it will determine your college future. Colleges also consider your GPA and other factors.

4. If your parents didn't go to college, check out early outreach and summer programs at nearby colleges to expose yourself to college life and career areas of interest.

5. When you make a college visit, set up a counseling session with a student or graduate. You can ask questions you are too scared to ask in a group.

6. Keep your options open, and apply to more than one or two colleges, both public and private

schools.

7. When you choose your college major or career, begin by asking what really interests you. Many teens overlook this.

8. Talk to people working in careers that reflect your interests and find out from them what the "real world" is like. What do they like and dislike about their jobs?

9. Make sure you like the people you'll be going to school with - and that's the whole institution, including students, alumni, parents, professors, officials - because they're the ones who are going to be influencing and shaping you for the next four years.

10. Once in college, stay connected to the key elements of your identity - family, friends, interests - yet open yourself to new ideas, activities and social situations.

ACT features 10 high school and college student writers on its website to help other students plan their futures. The topics the students write about include staying motivated, searching for college, taking admissions tests, planning a career direction and being the first in your family to attend college.

To read more from the student writers, visit the student section at www.act.org.

'2003 DuPont Challenge' national essay competition set for students in grades 7-12

Students in grades 7-12 in both public and non-public schools are being offered the opportunity to participate in a major, international science essay competition that provides cash awards to its winners and teachers of winners.

Known as "The DuPont Challenge," and sponsored by the DuPont Center for Collaborative Research and Education in cooperation with General Learning Communications, the contest is now in its 18th year. Since its inception in 1986, DuPont has recognized more than 100,000 students in the U.S. and Canada through this annual competition.

DuPont operates a major manufacturing facility in DeLisle.

The DuPont Challenge is an essay of 700 to 1,000 words discussing a scientific or technological development, event, or theory. To be eligible to submit an essay into the competition, a stu-

dent must be regularly and currently enrolled in grades 7-12 in a public or non-public school in the United States, its territories, or a public or non-public school in Canada.

Deadline for submission of entries for the 2003 competition is January 24, 2003.

Winners of the first prize in the junior (grades 7-9) and senior (grades 10-12) divisions will each receive a \$1,500 award plus an all-expense-paid trip to Space Center Houston/NASA (with their parent). Cash awards also will be presented to the second and third place winners and to 48 honorable mentions in each division.

The first-place winner in each division will be flown to Space Center Houston in the spring of 2003, along with a parent and the sponsoring science and English teachers as special guests. The science and English teachers also will each

receive a \$500 educational award. The sponsoring science teacher of the winners will receive an additional award, an expense-paid trip to the 2004 National Science Teachers Association conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Informational packets have been mailed to public school districts and to private educational institutions along the Gulf Coast. A complete set of instructions and entry information also may be found on the

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'Don't hate, tolerate' with OLA's 'Mix It Up Day'

When you walk into your school cafeteria or your work lunchroom, what do you notice? The answer is cliques. Different social groups at different tables seem to be the classic scene in cafeterias and lunchrooms everywhere.

An invisible boundary exists between these different groups. Tolerance exists within groups, but rarely extends outside them.

Promote tolerance by mixing it up in your school or work place. Break down the invisible boundaries that exist between social groups.

Take the initiative to tolerate differences among one another. Step out of comfort

zones and make new friends by introducing yourself to someone new or eating lunch at a different table with new faces.

National Mix It Up Day should be observed on Nov. 21, but the attitude should continue afterwards. Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis will be teaching tolerance on Wednesday, Nov. 27 in honor of National Mix It Up Day.

They will be organizing lunch by birthday rather than the usual groups. They will encourage students to break down social barriers through a schoolwide scavenger hunt that will focus on meeting as many people as they can.

Bonco Night fund raiser

The Diamondhead Lions Club will hold its semi-annual Bonco Night fund raiser Tuesday, December 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Diamondhead Community Center.

There will be cash prizes, door prizes, refreshments and a fun evening.

Tickets are \$10 and are

available from any member of the Diamondhead Lions Club or by calling Dee at 255-4815 or Gwen or Bill at 255-4887.

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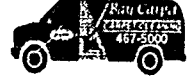
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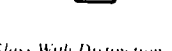
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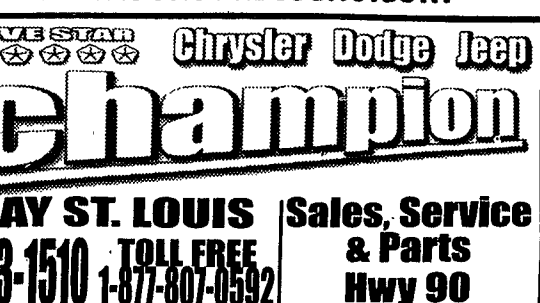
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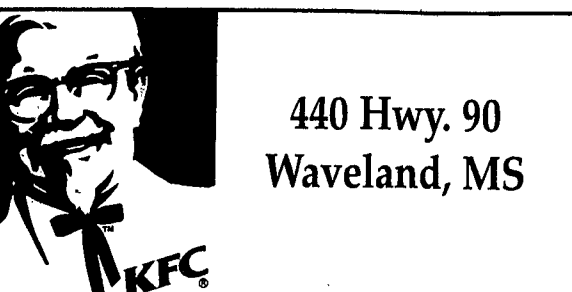
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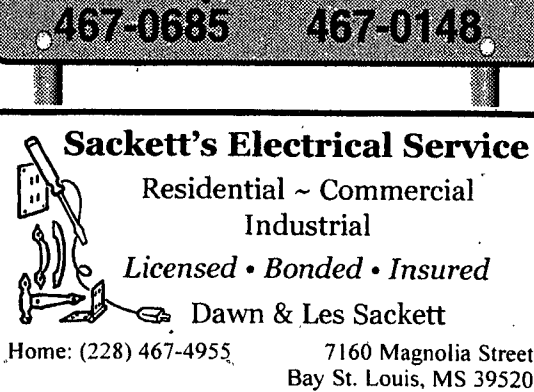
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ON LIFEBy Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVDWe're never
too old to learn

Election day, November 5, was fast approaching, but I was scheduled to be out of town doing a revival at a church in Baton Rouge.

With an occasional ear to the radio, I was informed of the times and days when I could hustle over and do my absentee voting. Sadly, no window of opportunity came.

So, what to do? I called the Registrar of Voters office and got a complete set of instructions from an alert, knowledgeable clerk who informed me that I had but one remedy left to do my absentee voting: fax my vote in. Without hesitation, I requested that the fax instructions be faxed to me.

When the cover sheet plus seven other pages arrived, I nearly came undone. First, I was daunted by the number of pages, all in small print.

To make matters worse, the copies had been badly reduplicated, probably from thousands of poor copies over months, perhaps years before them.

Even eyes under forty would be faced with a reading nightmare. After a cursory examination of the papers, I set them aside, as I am sure a great number of others must have done.

"This is not at all people friendly," I mused. "Surely, some of that wasted bureaucratic money would be better spent printing this clearly, simplifying it and somehow reassuring the rank and file person off the street that this is not a scary, unnerving procedure."

Several times during the next day and a half, I fumbled through the papers and set them aside again. Predictably, I left town with nothing done on the paperwork which simply accompanied me to the revival.

Sitting in clear view on the table of the rectory in Baton Rouge, the papers beckoned.

In and out to and from the church, I stared at them, occasionally fingering them and scowling at the terrible print. At long last, I took a serious look at them Sunday night, and Monday, the day before the big national voting, I grabbed them and went through them thoroughly, finally finishing them.

Triumphantly, I marched over to the office and enlisted help from one of the secretaries. "Well, I never!" Sue Breaux exclaimed. "I've never heard of such a thing. And all these pages! Hard to read, too." The other secretaries were equally nonplussed at the sight.

At length, the seven pages, including the very important waiver page, on which I surrendered my right to secrecy, were faxed to the Registrar of Voters, and we had a confirmation page printout to show for proof if needed.

That evening, I shared my singular absentee voting experience with the revival congregation. I first mentioned that I even debated driving back to New Orleans

to cast my vote. One eager, civic-minded lady shouted: "Drive back!" Surprised and amused, I assured her that, just hours before, one of the secretaries had faxed my vote to the Registrar of Voters.

The reaction was one of deep interest and complete puzzlement. Not a single one of the faithful there had ever heard of absentee voting by faxing.

With a renewed smile on our faces, the wiser for our new nugget of knowledge about absentee voting by fax, we went about our revival.

Sometimes it takes being on this earth 72 years or so before encountering an experience such as absentee voting, especially by fax. A very small thing of itself, to be sure, but it was a live lesson for all of us in the evolution of human information, experience and knowledge.

Usually, it comes to us very gradually, unevenly and often spread out over decades. "The more we get to know, the more things we realize we do not know." In one form or other, we have heard this frequently over the years, and we experience little, sometimes big surprises daily which confirm it.

Children encounter more surprises proportionately, but age is a minor factor if we are always alert. That is the key: an open mind always willing to learn.

If this were an unpleasant chore, it would be understandable if most people did not care to stand ready to receive more knowledge, understanding and wisdom all the time.

But, far from being a chore, virtually all challenges and avenues to a new bit of knowledge and experience are interesting, often intriguing, and definitely rewarding as we add years of life to our sojourn.

With all the displeasure surrounding the absentee voting fax forms, their annoying number, their even more irritating poor print, and their lack of friendliness to the ordinary, everyday Jane or Joe, the whole episode turned out to be one of the most telling, fascinating studies in human nature.

The greatest heroine in all of this was the clerk at the Registrar of Voters office who was Ms. Friendly in person. Pleasant from her first greeting, very interested in who I was and what predicament had trapped

me, she was a model of patience and a well of useful information as to procedure. Any company boss could use her to teach receptionists and clerks how to talk.

By now, you may be wondering what is so earthshaking about absentee voting by fax. Nothing.

But it planted my feet more firmly on terra firma, and it deepened my conviction that God uses even the most mundane things to focus our attention on Him and on all the people and things around us.

The "Word" for the Week
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This week we celebrate Thanksgiving. That is, we take time off from work and school for a holiday we call Thanksgiving.

Psalm 95 tells us, "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving."

Literally the Psalm tells us to enter into the presence of God. Do you make haste to enter into God's presence?

You really make haste to get to the football game or the basketball game. But will you make haste to come before God with thanksgiving?

Of course there are those who look down their noses at God. Ted Turner called Christianity "a religion of losers." The newspaper report tells us that Turner said Christ should not have bothered to die on the cross.

"I don't want anybody to die for me," he was quoted as saying. "I've had a few drinks and a few girl friends, and if that's gonna put me in hell, then so be it."

A minister characterized Turner's belief like this: "That bloody religion of Christianity is no

religion for a gentleman, thank you."

But "Who may ascend to the hill of the Lord? And who may stand in His holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart" (Psalm 24:3-4).

And how are you going to have hands perfectly clean from sin? How are you going to have a heart purified from all sin? There is only one way!

You must trust in the sacrifice of Christ! "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross" (1 Peter 2:24). "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God." (1 Peter 3:18).

Yes, Jesus Christ takes people like you and me into God's presence. And so it is only through Him that we can come before God to give Him thanks.

Many people do not give thanks to God on Thanksgiving because, like Ted Turner, they reject Jesus Christ.

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit www.w-e-m.org.

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Scripture Says . . .

By Ed Young

Unto the Church at Ephesus Jesus says: "I know your works and your labor and your patience, and you cannot bear them who are evil." Then Jesus says to that luke-warm church, "Nevertheless, I have somewhat against thee, because you have left your first love."

This is so true of many denominations, churches and people of God. Down through the decades, time seems to take the zeal away from their first love of Christ.

Materialism, adopting worldly programs and preaching a social gospel, has affected the true meaning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

However, God Almighty is not limited to likes of man's doings. The Holy Spirit moves throughout the world raising up and calling followers to preach and bring people to the knowledge of God.

Dear Reader, if you have become luke warm in serving God as you once did, the remedy is to turn back to the Lord and ask Him to renew your "first love" for Him, and He will gladly.

Jesus also says: "I rather you cold or hot, not 'luke warm,' for if so I'll spee you out of my mouth."

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St. Ann-St. John Church News

Father John Kelly, pastor,
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Mass Schedule:

St. Ann Catholic Church, Lower
Bay Road, Saturday Vigil Mass, 4
p.m.

Nov. 16 Vigil Mass will be at 4
p.m.

Sunday masses: St. John
Catholic Church, Lakeshore Road,
mass at 8 a.m.; St. Ann, 10:30 a.m.

Weekday masses (St. Ann):
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and

Friday, 8:30 a.m.; Wednesday, 6:30
p.m.

Visitors are welcome.

Nov. 25: No CCD classes

Nov. 25: No RCIA classes

Dec. 8: RCIA Right of Acceptance
at the 10:30 a.m. Mass

Pre-baptism classes: First
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OUR LADY ACADEMY HONOR ROLL 2002-2003 SCHOOL YEAR - TERM 1

Sister Donella Hartman, principal of Our Lady Academy, has announced that 67 percent of the OLA student body has achieved the honor roll for the first term of the 2002-2003 school year.

PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL

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GRADE 7
Katherine Currie, Emily Hall, Brigitte Johnston, Lauren Poncet, Chelsea Renaud, Amelia Simpson, and Caterina Tran.

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Ramie Barnes, Kree Cameron, Amy Gemelli, Bridget Giglione, Erin Kergosien, Victoria Romano, Leah Tucker, Alyssa Walter, and Jennifer Wong.

GRADE 9
Annette Allard, Margaret Casey, Rachel Cuevas, Bernadette DeRussy, Samantha Goodfellow, Samantha Greer, Katherine Guichet, Molly Hadden, Laura Kergosien, Whitney Lyons, and Megan Robinson.

GRADE 10
Jennifer Asper, Laurie Benvenuti, Caroline Boelte, Christine Bratton, Jory Coscia, Elissa Kergosien, Katherine Pouriraji, Therese Sison, and Krystyna Szczechowski.

GRADE 11
Anne Bradley, Teddi Calamusa, Rachel Cranford, Sarah Crowe, Miriam Ladner, Amanda Monti, and Rachel Wright.

GRADE 12
Alicia Asper, Mary Puckett, and Julie Reboul.

ALPHA HONOR ROLL (3.50 TO 3.99 GPA)

GRADE 7
Megan Chevis, Ashley Derenbecker, Gabrielle Gros, Alexandra Hahn, Brittany Henry, Maggie Hunt, Rebekah Kennedy, Kristin Kergosien, Kathryn McDonald, Samantha McLeod, Audra Puffer, and Nicolina Vaught.

GRADE 8
Amy Ashley, Stephanie

Bass, Maegen Besancon, Sydney Chevis, Courtanie Cutrer, Brittany Fournier, Morgan Gibbens, Courtney Klein, Morgan Ladner, Madeleine Loftus, Celeste Plaisance, and Lacey Raymond.

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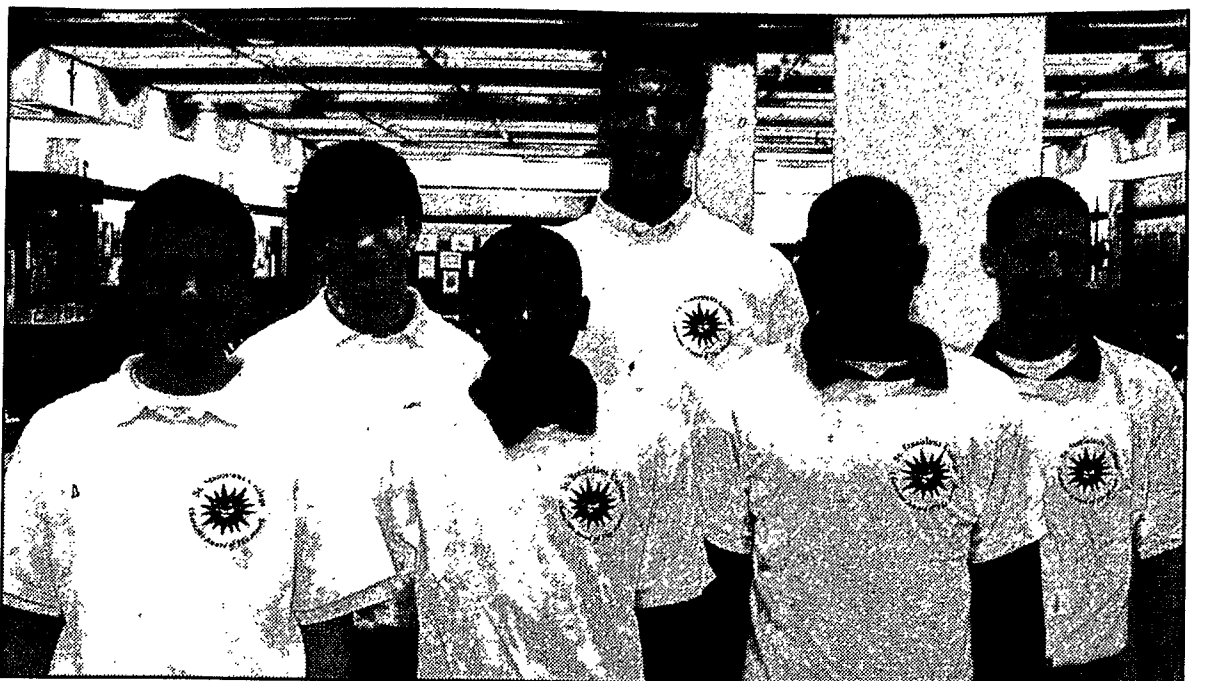
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Sophomore Tony Echevarria, left, freshman Lance Cuevas, seventh grader Derrion Elzy, junior Mario Faranda, eighth grader Robert Jackson, and senior Jason Nicosia.

St. Stanislaus names Character Award recipients for October

St. Stanislaus College named six Character Award recipients for October, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

They include seventh grader Derrion Elzy, nephew of Linda Elzy of Bay Saint Louis; eighth grader Robert Jackson, son of Charles Burton of

Pearlington and Charmaine Jackson of Bay St. Louis; freshman Lance Cuevas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cuevas of Kiln; sophomore Tony Echevarria, son of Luisa Echevarria of Diamondhead; junior Mario Faranda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Faranda of Lima, Peru; and senior Jason

Nicosia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Nicosia of Long Beach.

The SSC Character Award for the Month is a recognition program to acknowledge and honor students who demonstrate positive character traits in an outstanding and consistent manner.

Brewer named to Phi Theta Kappa

Byron Madison Brewer was inducted Oct. 22 into the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Brewer, majoring in marine science, is the son of Cheryl Sheffield of Lakeshore.

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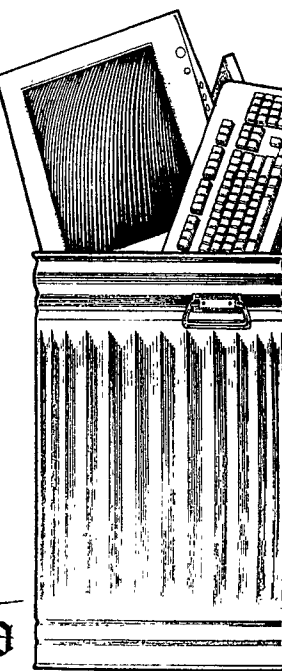
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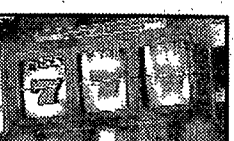
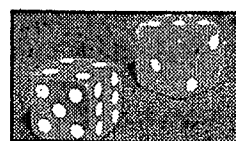
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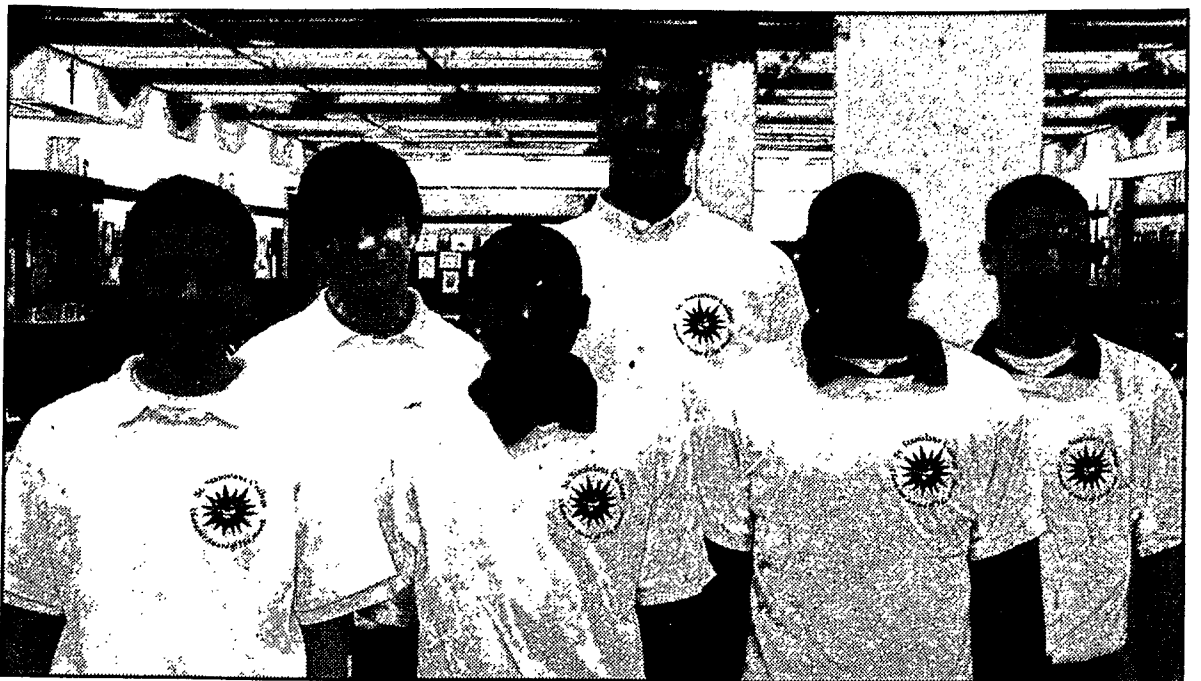
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Sophomore Tony Echevarria, left, freshman Lance Cuevas, seventh grader Derrion Elzy, junior Mario Faranda, eighth grader Robert Jackson, and senior Jason Nicosia.

St. Stanislaus names Character Award recipients for October

St. Stanislaus College named six Character Award recipients for October, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

They include seventh grader Derrion Elzy, nephew of Linda Elzy of Bay Saint Louis; eighth grader Robert Jackson, son of Charles Burton of

Pearlington and Charmaine Jackson of Bay St. Louis; freshman Lance Cuevas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay Cuevas of Kiln; sophomore Tony Echevarria, son of Luisa Echevarria of Diamondhead; junior Mario Faranda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo Faranda of Lima, Peru; and senior Jason

Nicosia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Nicosia of Long Beach.

The SSC Character Award for the Month is a recognition program to acknowledge and honor students who demonstrate positive character traits in an outstanding and consistent manner.

Brewer named to Phi Theta Kappa

Byron Madison Brewer was inducted Oct. 22 into the Omicron Alpha Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Brewer, majoring in marine science, is the son of Cheryl Sheffield of Lakeshore.

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Lee is maybe best known for her holiday mega-hit "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree," a holiday standard that is number four in the Top 10 All Time Christmas Songs.

It is Lee's second biggest selling record, the first being "I'm Sorry." Lee recorded two other Christmas albums in the 60's that will lend themselves to her holiday show.

Lee's recording of "I'm Sorry" hit number one during the summer of 1960 and stayed on the Top 100 for over six months. "I'm Sorry" was also her first gold, and biggest selling, record selling over one million records.

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On the big screen, Lee had a small role in "Smokey and the Bandit" and sang "Again and Again" in the movie. In 1990, she recorded "You're in the Doghouse Now" for the Dick Tracy soundtrack album, however the song was not included in the motion picture.

She did sing that song daily during the Spirit of America show at Opryland. "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree" was heard in the 1991 movie, "Home Alone," and "I'm Sorry" can be heard in the 1991 movie "The Fisher King" and the 1993 movie "This Boy's Life."

She has won every pop award except the Grammy Award, but she has received four Grammy nominations over her career. She has

sold over 100 million records, has 29 gold records and five gold albums, and has the distinction of selling more records than any other woman in the history of recorded music and more double-sided hits than any other woman in pop music.

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St. Nicholas Day Crafts Workshop. Children will learn about and make a Victorian Christmas craft. Free of charge, for ages five to twelve. Reservations required. For reservations or information call (601) 961-4724.

Friday, Dec. 6, through Saturday, Dec. 21: Christmas at the Manship House Museum.

Daily tours feature authentic Victorian decorations Tuesdays through Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Reservations required for groups of ten or more.

For information call (601) 961-4724.

Friday, Dec. 6, 5 to 8 p.m.:

Old Jackson Christmas by Candlelight Tour. This popular annual event features traditional seasonal decorations at the Old Capitol Museum, the Manship House Museum, and the Governor's Mansion. Special entertainment at each site. For more information call (601) 961-4724.

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Highway 61,
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northeast of Natchez)
(601) 442-2901

Saturday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Dec. 27:

Children's Victorian Christmas Celebration. Christmas trees decorated by local and regional fifth-grade classes are on display in the site's historic buildings. For more information call (601) 442-2901.

WINTERVILLE MOUNDS

2415 Highway 1 North,
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(662) 334-4684

Friday, Dec. 6, 5 to 7 p.m.:

Christmas Open House. Vocal groups from local schools will carol at the museum. For more information call (601) 359-6855.

GOVERNOR'S MANSION

300 East Capitol Street, Jackson
(601) 359-6421

Wednesday, Dec. 4, through Friday, Dec. 20, at the Mississippi Governor's Mansion, Jackson. Christmas at the Governor's Mansion. The historic section of the Governor's Mansion features traditional holiday decorations using seasonal greenery such as spruce, cedar, pine, and holly, and fruit such as apples, oranges, lemons, limes, and pineapples.

Free guided tours are offered Tuesday through Friday, 9:30 to 11 a.m. on the half-hour. Reservations must be made in advance for groups of ten or more. The Governor's Mansion will be closed for tours from Saturday,

Dec. 21, through Wednesday, January 1

The Mansion may be closed at other times during the month for official state functions. To confirm the availability of the Mansion for tours or for more information, call (601) 359-6421.

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